

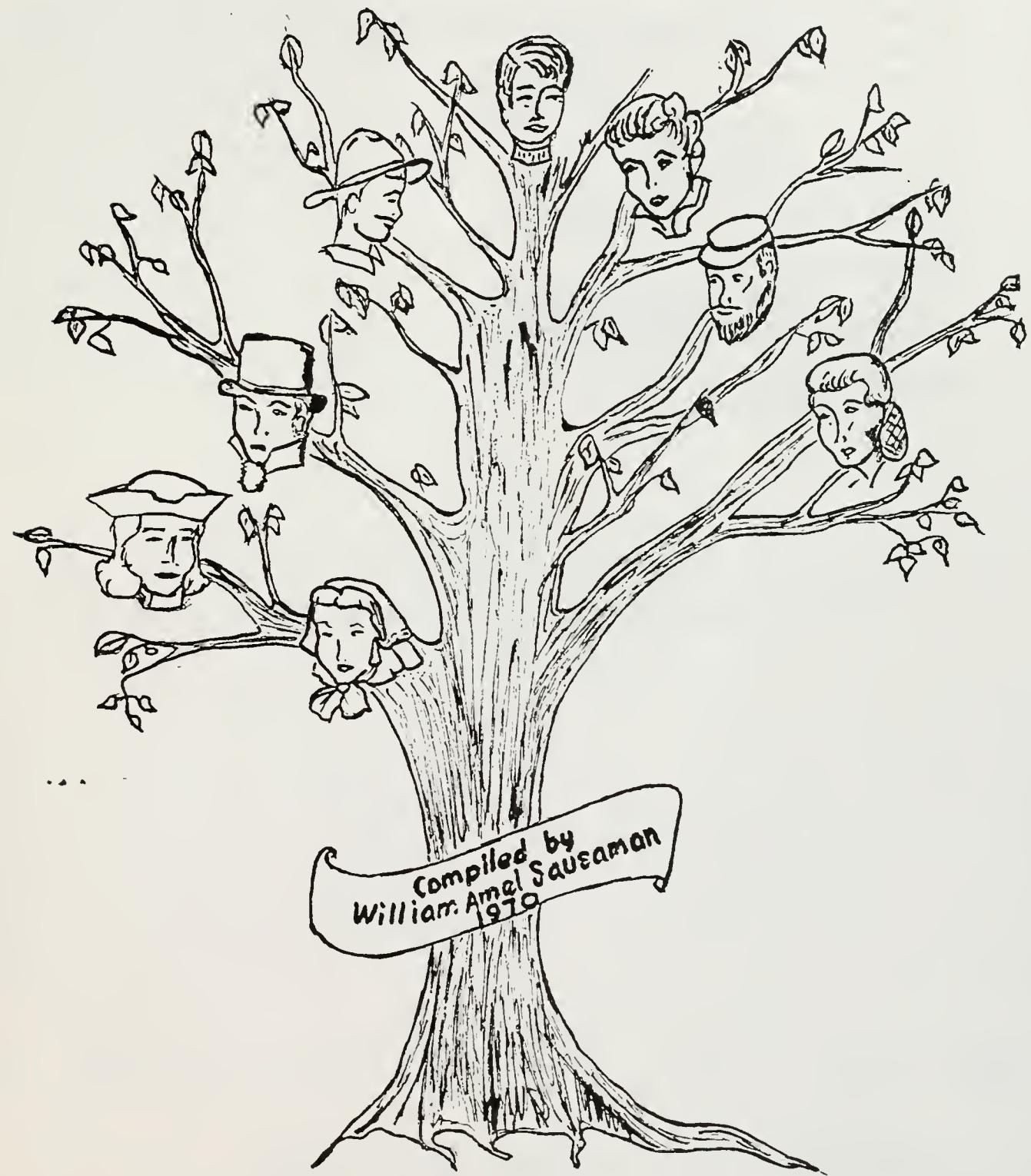
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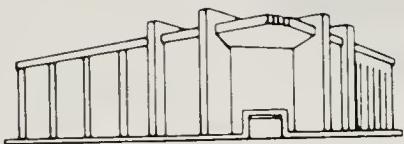


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INTRODUCTION

Numbering System Used in this Book

Each descendant, having issue, has been given an Arabic number and this number is shown opposite his or her name both in the account of his or her family and in the account of his or her parent's family. By use of this numbering system any person's complete line of descent can be readily determined, as follows: By use of the index find your name in the account of your parent's family, observe the number assigned to your parent, thumb backward through the book and find this parent's number again in the account of his or her parents (your grandparents), observe the number assigned to your grandparent, thumb backward through the book and find this grandparent's number again in the account of his or her parents (your great-grandparents), etc. Note that only descendants have Arabic numbers, whether they be male or female, and that their spouses are not numbered.

In each account of descendants' families the series of baptismal names and superior numbers, in parentheses following the descendant's name, also indicates the line of descent. For example: "JOHN (Harvey⁵, Mary⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹) indicates that Harvey of the fifth generation was John's father, Mary of the fourth generation was his grandmother, Martha of the third generation was his great-grandmother, etc.

Each descendant, whether or not having issue, has also been given a Roman number to indicate the order of birth.



WILLIAM AMEL SAUSAMAN
Compiler of this book

CHAPTER I

Generation 1

1. The earliest known ancestor of this family history is John Wilkinson who came to this country from Ireland about 1733, when he was 7 years of age, along with a brother William, an uncle and 2 aunts. He and his brother were reared and educated by the uncle and aunts. William studied to be a doctor and went to Savannah, Ga. where he died leaving no heirs. One source indicates that John and William emigrated from County Dorne, Ireland whereas another source (D.A.R. application of a great-granddaughter, Mary F. (Huffman) Scheerer) indicates that John emigrated from County Tyrone, Ireland. There never was a County Dorne in Ireland although there was, and still is, a County Down. Possibly Dorne was the name of a village in County Tyrone.

John learned the carpenter trade and settled on a farm in Pa. where he married Elizabeth _____ and had 10 children by her. After Elizabeth's death he married Leah NISWANGER, dau. of John and Mary (_____) Niswanger, in Newtown, Va. (now Stephens City), May 28, 1789, and had 9 children by her. He and his second wife then moved to Rockbridge Co., Va. and in 1795 moved to Ohio, arriving at Marietta and from there to Cincinnati by boat. They settled on a farm one mile north of Springdale, Ohio where they spent the rest of their lives. The farm was then in Hamilton Co. but is now in Butler Co., Fairfield Twp.

John was about 63 years of age when he married the second time and it is hard to believe that he could have sired 9 children by his second wife. From documents handed down in the family and from a court record in St. Mary's Parish, La., we know that he had the 19 children.

Much of the information contained in this chapter was obtained from an obituary of Margaret (Wilkinson) Huffman, the last child of John's to die, dying in 1886 at the age of 88 years. She was the most logical person to know the early family history as she spent her entire life on the Fairfield Twp. farm. She and her husband acquired the farm after the death of her parents. The obituary which follows is now in the possession of Lona Frances (Conover) Huffman, 105 N. Blair St., Crawfordsville, Ind. The obituary ends abruptly as one page has been lost.

Another Pioneer Gone

"How lonely is the home when the last one is gone. 'We take no note of time' yet one by one they are called away and the places that knew them shall know them no more. Only here and there one stands solitary and alone. This records the death of one among the oldest pioneers of Butler County; one who had resided in the county for more than four score years and who well remembered Cincinnati when it was only a hamlet of log cabins nestled at the foot of Old Fort Washington and when the then surrounding country of forest was a howling wilderness. What changes the scores have brought forth in this beautiful and fruitful valley of the Miami. Who of this

generation shall live to see such changes as she has seen? Not one. The subject of this obituary Mrs. Huffman was the daughter of the late John & Leah Wilkinson and the last of the family. She was born in Fairfield Township Butler County on the farm where she has resided all her life Oct. 20, 1797. Dying Jan. 27, 1886 at 2:15 a.m. at her late residence in the 89th yr of her age. Her father John Wilkinson and his Brother William came to Philadelphia from the County of Dorne Ireland, when he was seven years old with his uncle and two aunts with whom they lived, and were educated William studying for a doctor went to Savannah Georgia and died leaving no heirs. Her father learned the carpenter trade and settled on a farm in Pennsylvania, marrying there a woman by whom he had ten children. after the death of his wife he moved to Rockbridge County Virginia and married for his second wife Leah Nighswonger near Winchester Va after which he emigrated to Ohio in the year 1795 leaving their eastern homes to seek their fortune in the North West Territory the then 'Far West' arriving at Marietta they were detained there three weeks waiting for a boat to bring them to the now Cincinnati. It was just after General Wayne had made his successful treaty with the Indians of the Miami and brought them to terms of peace, when he settled on a farm north of what was called the Big Hill Farm, one mile north of Springdale. Dying in the year 1806 at the age of eighty years, his wife following him July 1st, 1821 at the age of fifty-six years whom he had nine children. Mrs. Huffman after the death of her mother with her two sisters still kept house when on Feb. 9, 1826 she was married to Job Huffman with whom she lived fifty years. his"

In a listing, made by Margaret Huffman, of births, marriages, and deaths, we know the names of her 8 full blood brothers and sisters. Her oldest full blood brother, Samuel, died in St. Mary Parish, La. in 1834 and in the settlement of his estate, 6 full blood brothers and sisters, and 7 half blood brothers and sisters, are named. Two full blood sisters were deceased at the time. This leaves 3 half blood brothers and/or sisters unaccounted for.

In John's will, executed in 1800, he made bequeaths to 7 children of his first marriage (the same 7 mentioned in the settlement of Samuel's estate) and 5 children of his second marriage. The 3 not mentioned of the first marriage were probably deceased at the time. Three of the 4 children not mentioned of the second marriage were underage (6, 4, and 1 years) and the fourth one had died 3 years earlier.

Although it would appear that 3 of John's children of his first marriage were deceased at the time he made his will there is evidence that a Moses Wilkinson, who died in Fountain Co., Ind. about 1839, was a son. See appendix.

In the early days after the death of a child, a subsequent child quite often was given the name of the deceased child. However, this cannot explain the fact that John had a son John and a daughter Elizabeth by his first marriage and children with the same given names by his second marriage, because, 3 of the children

were alive at the time he made his will and were named in the will (the 2 Johns and the Elizabeth of his first marriage). The second Elizabeth died 3 years before he made his will.

By deed, dated May 19, 1797, John purchased 100 acres of land, in what was then Hamilton Co., Ohio, from Israel and Charlotte (Chambers) Ludlow, for the sum of \$614.00. The deed was sealed and delivered in the presence of Abner Wilkinson, probably John's son. The land, as described in the deed, was "part of the fourteenth section in the second township in the second entire range of Townships in the county of Hamilton aforesaid beginning at the South East corner of said section and running North twenty chains to a sugar tree stake from thence running west fifty chains from thence south twenty chains from thence to the place of beginning the above tract containing one hundred acres".
Now Section 14, Fairfield Twp., Butler Co., Ohio.

Mr. Ludlow was the second owner of the land. The first owner being Judge John Cleve Symmes of New Jersey, the man who purchased 311,682 acres of land in 1794, in what was to become Butler, Hamilton and Warren counties, for 67¢ an acre. Judge Symmes contributed liberally in the support of the Continental army under George Washington. He received certificates of indebtedness, and noting the use of Continental army bounty warrants and similar documents by the "Ohio Company" for purchasing large tracts of Congress Land, petitioned Congress on August 29, 1787 for similar rights. The contract was made in October, 1788, and the patent given September 13, 1794.

Deed records in the Butler Co., courthouse disclose the following subsequent changes in ownership of John's 100 acres of land:-

On Dec. 7, 1814, Elijah (John's son) and his wife Elizabeth of Butler Co. sold their 1/7 share of the 100 acres to Samuel Wilkinson (John's son) of Butler Co. for \$120. On Apr. 1, 1822 John N. (John's son) and his wife Amelia of Hamilton Co., sold their 1/7 share of the 100 acres to Samuel (John's son) for \$200. Samuel at the time was living in Attarapas Co., La. On Oct. 14, 1823 Cornelius Cook and his wife Mary (John's dau.) of Fayette Co., Ind. sold their 1/7 share of the 100 acres to Elijah Wilkinson (John's son) of Highland Co., Ohio, for \$100. On Mar. 8, 1828, Elijah (John's son) and his wife Elizabeth of Highland Co., Ohio sold their 1/7 share of the 100 acres to Job Huffman (John's son-in-law) of Butler Co., for \$89.25.

John and his second wife Leah are buried in the Presbyterian Cem., Springdale, Ohio. John was one of the first burials in the cem., it having been established only 10 years before his death. As late as 1952 John's and Leah's gravestones were still standing - the inscription on his stone reading "John Wilkinson, died Jan. 5, 1886, served in Revolutionary War, Pvt. 3 Va. Rgt." and the inscription on hers reading "Leah Wilkinson, died July 1, 1821, aet. 56 yrs." On visiting the cem. in 1965 this compiler could not find Leah's stone although there was one for John but it appeared to be a new one with the inscription about the same as the old one.

John served as a private in Co. 4, 3rd Va. Regt., in 1777 and 1778, John Blackwell captain of the company, Joseph Blackwell, Lt., Wm. Heth, Lt. Col. of the Regt.

John's will, which follows, was found in the Butler Co., Ohio courthouse.

Record of Wills, p. 15
1806 Wilkinson, John August Term

In the Name of God Amen I John Wilkinson of Fairfield Township Hamilton County and Territory of the United States North West the River Ohio considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being possessed of sound mind and memory do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, (viz, First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body at my decease to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned. I also desire and request all my just debts to be paid and satisfied within a convenient and proper time after my decease by my executor. Item. I do give and bequeath unto my loving wife Leah Wilkinson the whole and sole use of my Plantation which we now live on during her widowhood and good behavior. also the loom and tacklings which I now own also two horse creatures plow and Gears also to cawz also an equal share of a bond for two hundred dollarz due to me from John Kain Esquire of Winchester Virginia to be divided equally between her and the children she now has to me namely Samuel, John, Elijah, Mary and Margaret and any other children which she may have to me at my decease also one half of the household furniture which is always to be at her own disposal. Provided that when my oldest surviving child arrives at age or twenty-one years I wish the one half or fifty acres of my Plantation to be sold and the money to be put to interest for the purpose of schooling my said children and the other half or fifty acres to be and remain in possession of my said wife Leah if she still remains unmarried and behaves - prudent at the discretion of my Executors. And when my said wife Leah alters from the last mentioned state or situation or should be called from the present stage of life I then wish the said fifty acres which she shall have possessed to be either sold or vested for the equal use and benefit of my then surviving children which she my said wife Leah may have to me at the disposal of my Executors. Item. I give and bequeath to my said children Samuel, John, Elijah, Mary and Margaret and any other children which my said wife Leah may have to me at my decease the other half of my household furniture to be equally divided among them. Item. I give and bequeath to the children of my first wife Elizabeth deceased namely William, John, Jehu, Abner, Elizabeth, Jane and James an equal proportion of three bonds on a certain William Paxton for forty three pounds ten shillings and nine pence each when recovered but allowing my said daughter Elizabeth ten pounds more than an equal share with my said children out of said Bonds. To this my last will and testament I do nominate constitute and appoint Moses Miller of Springfield Township County and territory aforesaid and Thomas Miller of Cincinnati said county and territory to be my sole Executors hereby revoking all former wills made

by me. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight
hundred _____

Signed sealed and declared by the above
named John Wilkinson to be his last will
and testament in the presence of us

Robt. McClure
Ferdinand Brokaw
Joseph Pawerz

John Wilkinson

Seal

Also a lengthy attestation by the Court in 1806, August term

Leah passed away at her home, N. of Springdale, Ohio, on July 1, 1821. She left no will but an inventory of the sale of her personal property is on file in the Butler Co. courthouse. The proceeds of the sale, which was held on Dec. 25, 1821, totaled \$219.62. Five of her children and one stepson made purchases, viz.: - John bought spoons, a crib of corn, tinware, and a trammel; Elijah bought bed and bedding, 2 augers, hatchet, cloth, leather lines, harrow and a log chain; Margaret bought 3 bags, looking glass, crib of corn, grain, 2 barrels, chain, chest, clothes, knives, forks, dutch oven, skillet, tea kettle, 3 bags and a pot; Leah bought a table, barrel, tin, a white backed cow, bucket, chain, roan horse, and a bull calf; Rebecca bought bed and bedding and a spring calf; James bought 2 stacks of wheat, stack of barley, keg, tray and a grindstone.

This compiler is the proud possessor of the original marriage certificate of John and Leah. It reads:-

"I Testify that John Wilkinson and Leah Neiswander (sic) This day as given from my (sic) in State of Matrimony after the order from our Lord this 23 day of May 1789

John Christian Wilms
preacher of the gospel
in Newtown"

In later years the town name (Newtown) was changed to Stephens City, which it is known by today.

Leah was the dau. of John and Mary NISWANGER. The following is a copy of the will of her father, who died Dec. 1, 1788, at Winchester, Frederick Co., Va., as found in Frederick Co. records (Will Book 5, 1783 to 1794):-

"In the name of God, Amen, I, John Niswanger of the county of Frederick and State of Virginia, being sick and weak but in perfect mind and memory, do make, ordain, constitute and appoint this my last will and testament annulling all and every will heretofore made by me. Imprimus, I desire my body to be decently buried and

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my just debts then paid. I will and grant that after the administration ordered by the court, that my whole estate, Real and Personal, be appraised. That my wife, Mary, profit and enjoy my Real and Personal estate during her life in case she does not marry. Should she marry, then she is to be allowed only her thirds. I also will that she shall give no security for the estate. After her death I desire my estate to be equally divided between my children by the said Mary, viz John or his heirs, Peter, Solomon, Jeremiah, my daughters Elizabeth, Rachael, Leah and Rebecca Niswanger. I likewise will that my son Jeremiah, in case he stays with his mother, shall have half the profits arising from what he makes.

Signed,
John Niswanger

Signed and Sealed this 23rd day
of September, 1788, in presence
John Barnes
Christopher Cryser
Hannah Barnes."

John Niswanger, who was b. in 1729, m. (1) Magdalena Cooper and m. (2) Mary _____, Oct. 31, 1760. Although it appears from his will that the mother of the 8 children mentioned was Mary, it is believed that the first 3 were children by his first wife. The second given name of Leah's son, Elijah Cooper Wilkinson, apparently comes from Leah's stepmother. The name "Cooper" also crops up in succeeding generations, as a second given name.

Apparently Leah's mother died a few years after her husband as his estate was divided among his children by 1799, as evidenced by the following deed (Frederick Co., Va. deed book 26, page 386, July 27, 1799):-

"JOHN WILKINSON and LEA his wife of Hamilton Co. Territory of U. States north west of Ohio River...to John Keen of Winchester, Frederick Co., Va. - consideration \$300 Virginia money - their one seventh part undivided of all that tract or parcel of land SITUATE lying and being about twelve miles from Winchester in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia, which John NISEWANGER (sic) deceased in his last will and Testament bequeathed to the said Leah and to her sisters & brothers, Elizabeth, Peter, Solomon, Rachael, Jeremiah, and Rebecca Bounded by lands now or late belonging to Jacob Cline, James Suter, George Lerrick, Charles Barnes and William Gaudy containing three hundred and fifty acres or less.....

Witnesses:		
H ^b Holmes)	as to Lea Wilkinson	John Wilkinson (LS)
Saml. McMechen)	Jacob White	Leah Wilkinson (LS)
Edwd. Slater)	John Wallace	

Leah Wilkinson's signature acknowledged before Jacob White and John Wallace, Justices of Hamilton County Court.
Recorded Frederick Co. June 30, 1800"

John Niswanger was apparently subject to draft in the Virginia State militia as there is a record of him being discharged from future muster. He was in Botetourt Co., Va., in 1750. It is believed that John first resided near Wheeling, Va. (now W. Va.) prior to removing to Frederick Co., Va., and that most of his children, including Leah, were born near Wheeling.

In county and family records the NISWANGER surname is spelled in many ways. In this book the name, as spelled in John's will ("NISWANGER"), has been accepted as the correct one.

Children of John and Elizabeth () Wilkinson:-

- i ?
- ii ?
- iii ?
- 2. iv William.
- 3. v John.
- vi Jehu, b. in Pa., Mar. 4, 1768. A further account of him follows in this chapter.
- 4. vii Abner.
- viii Elizabeth, m. William McCormick. Received share of half-brother Samuel's estate. No further information.
- ix Jane, m. Danear. Received share of half-brother Samuel's estate. No further information.
- 5. x James.

Children of John and Leah (Niswanger) Wilkinson:-

- i Samuel, b. Apr. 23, 1790, d. Dec. 30, 1834, never married. A further account of him follows in this chapter.
- ii John N., a twin, b. Feb. 28, 1792, d. Mar. 22, 1868, m. Amelia _____. In 1824 he bought a lot in Franklin, La., but by the year 1835 he had sold out his holdings and was living in Butler Co., Ohio. It is not known whether or not he had children.
- 6. iii Elijah Cooper, a twin, b. Feb. 28, 1792.
- 7. iv Mary "Polly", b. Dec. 25, 1793, d. Apr. 25, 1866.
- v Elizabeth, b. Nov. 20, 1795, d. Sept. 11, 1797.
- 8. vi Margaret "Peggy", b. Oct. 20, 1797.
- 9. vii Leah, b. Aug. 20, 1800, d. Feb. 14, 1863,

- viii Catherine, b. Apr. 20, 1802, d. Feb. 5,
1807.
10. ix Rebecca, b. Oct. 5, 1805, d. Sept. 21,
1835.

Jehu, Son of John and Elizabeth () Wilkinson.

Jehu was born in Pa., Mar. 4, 1768; died in Franklin La., Sept. 2, 1852; buried Franklin Cem. An inscribed gravestone marks his grave. On July 6, 1848, in St. Mary Parish, La., he appointed his half-brother Elijah C. Wilkinson of Putnam Co., Ind. his lawful attn. in fact to demand his share of his father's estate. He owned a plantation a few miles from the plantation of his half-brother Samuel, raised horses and cattle, had slaves to do the work of raising corn, cotton, and sugar cane. It is believed that Jehu never married.

A letter written by Jehu to his half-brother Elijah C. Wilkinson at Bainbridge, Ind., postmarked Mar. 17, 1840, Franklin La., follows:-

"Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana
March 12, 1840
Dear Elijah

"I have received by last mail your letter dated Putnam County, Indiana February 2nd, 1840. I have also received your letter inclosing a power of attorney from you and our sister Jane authorizing me to settle with the administration of the estate of Samuel Wilkinson for your and her share of said estate. Your move to Indiana I hope will be an adventurous one. (Elijah had moved to Putnam Co. from Highland Co., Ohio the year before.) Our brother Abner was here in June last. He received his portion of Samuel's estate and I have since received a letter from his daughter Eliza informing me that he had died on the second day of October last at his plantation, in the Parish of Madison in this state after 21 days sickness.

"My two nieces Mary Conerly and Rebecca Conerly the daughters of my brother William Wilkinson have lately been here and they are married to two brothers Owen Conerly and Luke Conerly. They reside in the state of Mississippi and have received their portions of Samuel's estate, that is each has received one fourth part of what one of the heirs of the half blood is intitled to for my brother William left four children two sons and two daughters. They remained with him two weeks.

"You tell me that the Van Buren men in your Section of Country say they would vote for Genl. Harrison & the thought he would be in favor of a United States Bank. I think it probable that Genl. Harrison will be in favor of a U.S. Bank and if he was chartered by Congress he would approve it and Van Buren is pledged to veto it if passed by any majorities in both houses. Genl. Harrison will certainly get this state at all counts there is every appearance of it at this time.

"The crop of sugar was very abundant this last year but the price is low cotton is also low My health is good but I feel the infirmities of old age.

"My best respects to your self and family.

Jehu Wilkinson"

Mr. E. C. Wilkinson

Samuel Wilkinson, Son of John and Leah (Niswanger) Wilkinson.

He died near Franklin, St. Mary Parish, La., Dec. 30, 1834. A letter written by John Wilkinson, Samuel's brother, postmarked Franklin P.O., Feb. 25, 1835, to his sister, Margaret Huffman, carried the news that Samuel had drowned in Bayou Lake on the night of Dec. 30, 1834 and was not found until Jan. 8. John also stated that Samuel had a plantation, 2 male and 9 female slaves.

In a letter written by Samuel to his sister Margaret in Hamilton Co., Ohio, postmarked St. Mary Parish, Aug. 5, 1819, he mentions his sisters Leah and Rebecca, and advises Margaret to learn to write and spell.

In another letter to Margaret, postmarked St. Mary Parish, Mar. 26, 1826, he states that he is coming for a visit in June and will bring sugar and molasses.

Samuel's estate was settled some time after his death. The court records disclose that he owned a sugar plantation southeast of Franklin, La., on Bayou Lake, where he lived. After his death the plantation was sold for \$7000.00 and his slaves for \$8145.00. The plantation measured 10 arpents by 40 arpents. The assets of his estate were distributed to his brothers and sisters of the

full blood and half blood as follows:-

Full Blood:

Elijah C. --- \$1217.94
 "Late" Rebecca McKee --- 1217.94*
 Margaret Huffman --- 1217.94*
 Leah Thomas Imel --- 852.94**
 Mary Cook --- 852.94**
 John N. --- 1135.56

Half Blood:

John --- \$1600.00
 Jane Danear --- 384.62
 James --- 384.62
 Elizabeth McCormick --- 384.62
 Abner --- 384.62
 Jehu --- 384.62
 James M. --- 96.15***
 Rebecca Connally --- 96.15***

* Paid to John Bloomfield attn. in fact.

** Appointed brother John Wilkinson as attn. in fact.

*** Children of William Wilkinson, Samuel's deceased half-brother.

In a letter written by Jehu Wilkinson, Samuel's half-brother, postmarked St. Mary Parish, Nov. 20, 1848, to his half-sister, Margaret, he advises that he is almost 81 years of age, that he had neither land or house, that he was living with a private family, and that his half-brother, John N. Wilkinson, had been to see him the year before.

Mrs. Lona Frances Huffman, 105 N. Blair St., Crawfordsville, Ind. is the proud possessor of the above mentioned 4 letters as well as 5 other letters, all postmarked St. Mary Parish, and all addressed to Samuel's sister Margaret and her husband Job Huffman. Two of the latter are from Jehu, dated Mar. 24, 1837 and Nov. 4, 1837 and the other 3 are from Samuel, dated June 26, 1819, Feb. 9, 1830, and July 29, 1830.

In connection with the settlement of Samuel's estate the following deposition was made in 1844. This deposition was hand-written and the blanks indicate words that could not be deciphered:-

"State of Louisiana
 Parish of St. Mary

Before me John A. Suma abstract parish judge in and for the parish of St. Mary _____.

"Personally appeared Jehu Wilkinson a resident of this said parish now after being duly sworn according to Law makes the following answers to the announcements _____ to wit,
 to the first

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"Elijah Wilkinson, Margaret Wilkinson, Mary Wilkinson, Leah Wilkinson, Rebecca Wilkinson, and John N. Wilkinson were the only brothers and sisters of the whole blood of Samuel Wilkinson at the time of his death to the second:

"John Wilkinson, James Wilkinson, Jane Wilkinson, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Abner Wilkinson, Jehu Wilkinson, and William Wilkinson were the only brothers and sisters of the half blood of Samuel Wilkinson.

"To the third:

"The said Rebecca Wilkinson died since the death of Samuel Wilkinson having _____ McKee for her only child of representative; William Wilkinson brother of the half blood of said Samuel Wilkinson died before said Samuel leaving for his only first representatives James M. Wilkinson, Jehu Wilkinson Jun^r, Mary Wilkinson wife of O. Connally and Rebecca Wilkinson wife of L. Connally; said Jehu Wilkinson Jun^r is now dead, deponent knows not whether he died before said Samuel or after no does he (deponent) know where are the heirs of the said Jehu Wilkinson Jun^r deceased as aforesaid.

Sworn and subscribed before)
me on this eighth day of) Jehu Wilkinson"
November, 1844.)
John Sumastract, Parish Judge)

A letter written by Samuel to his brother Elijah C. Wilkinson at Leesburg, Highland Co., Ohio, postmarked Franklin La., July 26, 1832, follows:-

"Parish of St. Mary
July 22, 1832

Dear Brother your letters of June 20 and 21st came to hand last week I have been very anxious to hear from you for sometime and sorry you could not affect an exchange of my money for a check on Orleans as I never stood in need of money so much in my life as at this time I want you if you please to get it in U. States paper on the Mother Bank of Philadelphia and enclose it in letter directed to me at Franklin St. Mary. So if I did not need it very much I would not risk the mail but there is no help for it and I must do it please enclose it neatly and in the presence of some person you can depend upon for a witness that you put in in the mail if you could advise with some merchant that is in the habit of remitting money in that way whether it would not be better to cut the notes in two and send one half by one mail and forward the other half by the next if you think it adviseable you can do so. I assure you I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have settled that Business for me and am sorry I have had to put you to so much trouble for me. Have now to inform you of my misfortunes for the past two years I lost by Death upward of fifteen hundred doll. in Negroes horses and oxen and to cop all last year I commenced to establish a new plantation on the sea coast twenty five miles from this place and had a very fine crop of corn when

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there came a dreadful storm the hotter end of August and raised the tide four feet over the land and Destroyed everything before it which obliged me to abandon the place - & this year rented a place and have a pretty good crop for the season which has been lately extremely Dry but I think if the season is favorable from this out I shall make twenty Hogghead of sugar and plenty of corn - if I was not afraid of your cold winter, I would come to your country and live but I fear I could not stand there for the cold. We have in this country is as much as I can risk and sometimes a little more than I can stand with comfort - Remember affectionately to Betsy and your children and accept of my best wishes for your welfare

Samuel Wilkinson

Elijah Wilkinson

P.S. if you can forward that money as swiftly as possible you lay me under a particular obligation to you there is a great deal funds in it more than seems another time you shall know - please write me and let me know of your welfare write the next mail after you send the money.

S. W.

E. W."

CHAPTER II

Generation 2

2. WILLIAM (John¹), son of John and Elizabeth (_____) Wilkinson d. prior to 1835. He had at least 5 children:- Catherine, James M., Jehu W., Mary and Rebecca. Four of these children shared in the estate of William's half-brother Samuel. In 1853 William's son Jehu W. was residing in McLean Co., Ill., the year Jehu W. received a \$1000.00 bequest from his uncle Jehu Wilkinson.

William m. Elizabeth _____, her maiden name not known. Apparently they lived in Duplin Co., N.C. because 2 of the aforementioned daughters were married there. All 3 daughters settled in Pike Co., Miss. Mary and Rebecca married Conerly brothers. The information concerning the Conerlys given in this book was taken from a history of Pike Co., Miss., written by Mary's grandson, Luke W. Conerly.

Issue:

- i Catherine, m. (1) Dr. McAlpin in N.C. and m. (2) Calvin Magee. She had 2 children (Patrick and Mark) by her first marriage - none by the second. Following the death of their father, the 2 boys were raised and educated by their uncle, Luke Conerly. Catherine and Calvin Magee emigrated to Sabine Parish, La. Patrick became a school teacher and taught in the little old log schoolhouse at China Grove, Miss. In his book, Luke W. Conerly says that it was in this school where he sat upon the knees of Patrick "and learned to know what A and B were, at the point of his (Patrick's) little ivory handled penknife."

- ii. ii Mary
- iii Rebecca ("Aunt Becca"), m. Luke Conerly, son of Cullen and Letticia Conerly, in Duplin Co., N.C. on or about Oct. 14, 1813. They settled in Marion Co., Miss., on the headwaters of the Pushepatapa, in the vicinity of Waterholes Church. They had no children. Rebecca's husband was known as Rev. and Dr. Conerly.

- iv Jehu W.
- v James M.

3. JOHN (John¹). Although not definitely proven it appears from circumstantial evidence that the man hereinafter described (John Wilkinson) was the son of John and Elizabeth (_____) Wilkinson. In 1834 this John Wilkinson, then a resident of Fairfield Twp., Butler Co., Ohio, applied for a pension for service in the Rev. War. The fact that he lived in the same twp. in which John and Leah Wilkinson settled and the fact that he was b. in Pa. indicates that he was possibly John's son. In his application he

stated that he volunteered for militia duty in Mar. 1777 and served at various times until the close of the war in 1783; was born in York Co., Pa., Sept. 11, 1760; returned after the war to Franklin Co., Pa. where he lived until he moved to Greensburgh, Westmoreland Co., Pa. where he resided 4 years and then went to Hamilton Co., Ohio where he lived 26 years and then to Butler Co., Ohio.

Twenty-one years later, on July 3, 1855, his widow Margaret (Matthews) Wilkinson, at the age of 84 years, applied for a widow's pension. At the time she was a resident of Montgomery Co., Ind. In her application she stated that she and John were married in 1790 in Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.; that her husband John died on Aug. 29, 1841 in Fairfield Twp., Butler Co., Ohio of a cancer on the face. Accompanying her application was a listing of the births and deaths of her 11 children, viz.:-

Issue:

- i John, b. June 30, 1791, d. Sept. 10, 1812.
- ii Margaret, b. Oct. 13, 1792, d. Jan. 10, 1819.
- iii Gabela, b. June 26, 1794.
- iv Elizabeth, b. Sept. 7, 1797 (?).
- v Agness, b. Nov. 28, 1797, d. 1802.
- vi Abner Matthews, b. Jan. 21, 1802.
- vii George, b. Sept. 28, 1803.
- viii Mariah, b. July 30, 1807.
- ix James, b. Feb. 26, 1810.
- x Elinor, b. Oct. 28, 1811.
- xi Sarah Jane, b. Aug. 2, 1813.

Pensions of \$20.00 per year were granted to both John and Margaret.

4. ABNER (John¹), son of John and Elizabeth (_____) Wilkinson, witnessed his father's signature to a deed in Hamilton Co., Ohio in 1797. He d. in Madison Parish, La., Oct. 2, 1839, after a 21-day illness. He was a Justice of the Peace in Madison Parish and owned lot No. 1 on Roundaway Bayou. He m. Syble _____.

Issue:

- i Eliza. She had a dau. - Wilhelmina L. Stewart.
- ii Abigail, m. James L. Crandell.
- iii James W., m. Rebecca Hammonds.

5. JAMES (John¹), son of John and Elizabeth (_____) Wilkinson, m. Catherine Clap in Butler Co., Ohio, Sept. 12, 1815. On Aug. 4, 1830 James purchased 2 parcels of land in Fountain Co., Ind., from the U.S. Government (S. fraction of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, Twp. 19, Range 9 and the W. 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 13, Twp. 18, Range 8). At the time of these purchases he was living in Fountain Co. He secured a mortgage on the land in Sec. 13 in 1837 and it was signed by he and his wife (James and Catherine Wilkinson). On Aug. 17, 1837, James purchased a second parcel of land in Sec. 13

(NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4), from Samuel and Charlotte McGilvery. James d. intestate prior to Jan. 17, 1848 as, on that date, a Washington Hadley and Naomi Hadley of Parke Co., Ind. "sold all their right, title and interest" in the aforementioned 2 parcels of land in Sec. 13 - an indication that Naomi was James' dau. Ten months later "Katherine Wilkinson, wife of James Wilkinson, deceased, of Putnam Co., Ind." signed a deed for her 1/3 dowers right to the land in Sec. 13. Witnesses to the signing of the deed were John Wilkinson and William H. Sample. Presumably John Wilkinson was her son.

The 1850 census for Putnam Co., Floyd Twp., Ind., shows living with Catherine (age 60, b. in Ohio), a son Abner (age 20, b. in Ind.), and a son James (age 17, b. in Ind.). Living close by was Elijah C. Wilkinson, James' half-brother.

Catherine next shows up in McLean Co., Ill., where she purchased a lot in the City of Bloomington, from George W. and Frances Jane Stipp, on Sept. 4, 1852. She died soon thereafter (on Aug. 8, 1853) and George W. Stipp was appointed administrator of her estate. On Jan. 24, 1855 her son James (and wife Georgianne) of McLean Co. sold their interest in the lot to David S. Reid - "being all the interest which the said party of the first part has in said real estate to wit 1/5 more or less of one of the children and heirs at law of Catherine Wilkinson", and on Feb. 20, 1855, her son Abner (and wife Catherine Ann) of Hendricks Co., Ind., sold their interest in the lot to George W. Stipp - "being all the interest which the said party of the first part has in and to said real estate to wit 1/5 more or less as one of the children and at law of Catherine Wilkinson, deceased." The 1/5 interest that James sold to David S. Reid was later sold by Reid (on July 5, 1855) to George W. Stipp.

Subsequently, there was a suit for partition filed in the Circuit Court of McLean Co. as Case No..265. The action was brought by George W. Stipp as plaintiff in order to secure title to 3/5 of the property of Catherine Wilkinson, deceased. (Actually Stipp had already secured 2/5 interest by the 2 purchases aforementioned.) From the decree handed down by the court on Apr. 14, 1856 it appears that the heirs of Catherine were son James, son Abner, dau. Charlotte (wife of Samuel McGilvery), and grandchildren John and Jane Tague. Since no other grandchildren were named in the decree it follows that none of Catherine's deceased children, other than Mary, had any children living at the time. The parents of John and Jane Tague were Daniel and Mary (Wilkinson) Tague who m. in Fountain Co., Ind., Feb. 17, 1835. Mary apparently had d. prior to her mother.

From the above Catherine had 3 children and 2 grandchildren living at the time of the estate settlement. Apparently 6 children were deceased at the time because a study of the

1830, 1840, and 1850 censuses indicates that she and James had 9 children - 5 sons and 5 daughters. As above set forth the names of 6 have been uncovered - Naomi, John, Mary, Charlotte, Abner, and James. The names of the other 3 children have not been uncovered.

The clue leading to the discovery of James Sr. in Fountain Co. comes from the estate settlement papers of his half-brother Samuel in St. Mary Parish, La. The court records there show Samuel's half-brother James as living in Fountain Co. in 1844.

Issue:

- i Mary, d. before 1840, m. Daniel Tague in Fountain Co., Ind., Feb. 17, 1835. They had 2 children, John and Jane.
- ii Naomi, d. before 1856, m. Washington Hadley. They were living in Parke Co., Ind. in 1848.
- iii Charlotte, m. Samuel McGilvery.
- iv John, d. before 1856.
- v son, d. before 1856.
- vi son, d. before 1856.
- vii dau., d. before 1856.
- 12. viii Abner, b. ca 1830.
- ix James, b. ca 1833, m. Georgianna ~~_____~~. They were living in McLean Co., Ill. in 1855.

6. ELLJAH COOPER (John¹), son of John and Leah (Niswanger) Wilkinson, was b. near Winchester, Va., Feb. 28, 1792. He m. Elizabeth Hixson, dau. of David and Martha (King) Hixson, in Highland Co., Ohio, Aug. 15, 1813. She was b. in Loudoun Co., Va., Aug. 25, 1794.

At about the age of 18 Elijah went from Butler Co., Ohio to Fairfield Twp., Highland Co., Ohio where he enlisted in the War of 1812 and where he married Elizabeth Hixson in 1813. He served



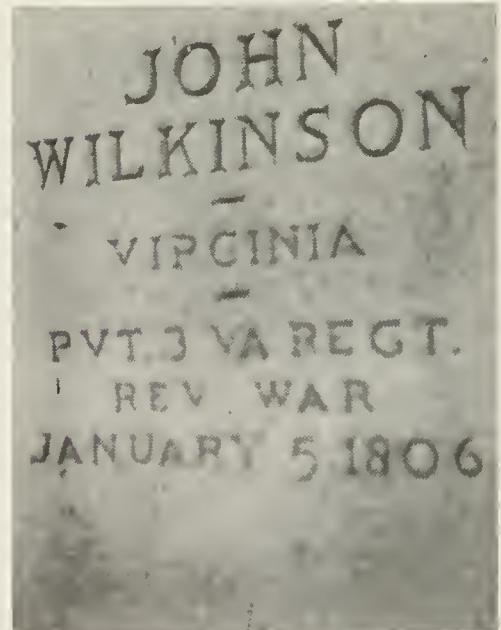
ELIJAH COOPER WILKINSON
(Feb. 28, 1792-July 27, 1875)



ELIZABETH(HIXSON)WILKINSON
(Aug. 25, 1794-Apr. 24, 1866)



GEORGE IMEL
(Feb. 28, 1793-Jan. 27, 1879)



JOHN WILKINSON'S GRAVESTONE
Presbyterian Cem., Springdale, Ohio

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as Fairfield Twp. trustee in 1827 and 1829. Elijah and Elizabeth along with their children, including the married ones, moved to Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Ind. in 1839, where most of them spent the rest of their lives.

Elijah and his wife are buried in the Wesley Chapel Cem., located 4 miles S.E. of Bainbridge, Ind. A large monument marks their graves. On one face is inscribed "Elijah C. Wilkinson, Died July 27, 1875, Aged 85 y. 5 m, He was a Soldier in the War of 1812" and on the opposite face is inscribed "Elizabeth Wife of Elijah C. Wilkinson, Apr. 24, 1866, Aged 71 y. 7 m. 29 d."

The site of Wesley Chapel Cem. is on land ($1\frac{1}{2}$ acres) deeded to the trustees of Wesley Chapel Church in 1842 by George William Hansell, Elijah's son-in-law. The trustees paid \$10.00 for the plot of ground. In 1965 the U.S. Army Engineers announced plans for the formation of a reservoir along the creek adjacent to the cem. (Walnut Creek). Because this will inundate the Wesley Chapel area, the church was dismantled and parts of it moved to Ohio in 1966. The cem. is on high ground and possibly it will not have to be disturbed. If not a bridge will have to be built to provide access. This announced plan of the Army engineers to inundate the area, which played such a large part in the lives of the pioneer Hansell and Wilkinson families for half a century, has caused great concern and sorrow to their descendants.

In 1873, Mary Ann Hansell, Elijah's dau., raised a \$60.00 fund, the interest on which was to be used to beautify and care for the cem. Thirty years later, Edwin J. Wilkinson, a grandson of Elijah's, raised the fund to \$100.00 with enough over to fence the cem. The fund was later raised to \$1000.00 and the interest still to be used for upkeep. A few years ago Grace Arnold of Putnam Co. wrote a 22-page history of the church.

For his service in the War of 1812, Elijah secured a pension of \$8.00 per month, beginning Feb. 14, 1870, the certificate being dated July 25, 1871. He served as a Sergeant from July 1, 1812 to Dec. 31, 1812 and as a private from Jan. 1, 1813 to May 7, 1813. His pension application follows:-

"State of Indiana)
County of Putnam)

On this 23rd day of March, A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy one, personally appeared before me, the clerk of the Circuit Court, a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, Elijah C. Wilkinson aged 78 years, a resident of Green Castle, Putnam County State of Indiana, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he was married, that his wifes name was Elizabeth Hixon to whom he was married at Highland County State of Ohio on the 15th day of August 1813; that his said wife died at Putnam County State of Indiana, on the 26th day of April 1866; that he served the full period of sixty days in the military service of the United States in the War of 1812; that he is the identical Elijah C. Wilkinson who enlisted in Captain Jones' Company, in the 1st Regiment of Ohio

Volunteers, commanded by Colonel McCarty, at Highland Co. Ohio, on the 3rd day of April 1812, and never was discharged from the service aforesaid for the following reason, to wit: that he was captured at Detroit Michigan, on the 16th day of August 1812, and was paroled by the enemy and remained on parole during the entire war; that he never engaged in any other battle or skirmish than at said Detroit where he was captured that he heretofore applied for and received a land warrant, for 160 acres of land; that he respectfully refers to the records on file at Washington for full and complete history of his military service; that he at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, adhered to the cause of the enemies of the government giving them aid or comfort; or exercised the functions of any office whatever, under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; and that he will support the Constitution of the United States: that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provision of the act approved February 14th 1871; and he hereby constitutes and appoints with full power of substitution and revocation, John S. Jennings, of Green Castle, Indiana, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that his post office is at Green Castle, Putnam County, State of Indiana, and his place of abode is said Green Castle, Putnam County State of Indiana.

Attest Thomas Robinson,
 Maggie Burress

his
Elijah X C. Wilkinson
mark

Also personally appeared Thomas Robinson and Maggie Burress residing in Green Castle, Putnam County, State of Indiana, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, who being duly sworn according to law, say: They were present and saw Elijah C. Wilkinson the claimant make his mark to the foregoing declaration, that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said applicant and thier acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person that he represents himself to be; that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the government giving them aid or comfort; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Thomas Robinson,
Maggie Burress

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of March A.D. 1871, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration and affidavit of identifying witnesses were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing including the word "declaration" interlined in the affidavit of said identifying witnesses; and that I have no interest direct or indirect in the prosecution of this claim.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court,

affixed at Green Castle the date last above.

Henry C. Priest, Clerk
Putnam Circuit Court."

Application for Pension
Act. Feb. 14, 1871
in case of
Elijah C. Wilkinson, Private
of Capt. Jones Co. 1st Regt.
Ohio Vols. Comd. by Colonel
McCarty. War of 1812.

Filed by
John S. Jennings,
Green Castle, Ind.
Atty. for claimant.

Elijah's death was noted by a single sentence in the Aug. 5, 1875 Greencastle "Banner" newspaper - "Wilkerson (sic), Elijah C. died in this city, of old age, tuesday July 27, aged about 80 years."

Elijah C. Wilkinson's Will

"I Elijah C. Wilkinson of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made:

Item 1. It is my desire that my remains be buried as and where my children direct and it is my direction that all the liabilities of my estate be as promptly liquidated after my decease as shall be consistent with the interest of my estate.

Item 2. I give devise and bequeath to my daughters Elizabeth J. Wilkinson and Rachel Wilkinson my real estate where I now reside in Greencastle, Indiana and lying between Berry street of the City of Greencastle and the Terre Haute and Indianapolis railroad being my home premises entire: also the following personal goods; all my fruit cans; all my kitchen furniture and table ware; all my stoves, one bureau thirteen hills chairs, four tables dining and breakfast and one stand table, one kitchen safe, one wooken (sic) clock, one parlor looking glass, one milch cow; all the

provisions and fuel on hand, fifty bushels corn; all my carpets, and five hundred dollars each in cash, to be paid them each by my Executor out of my estate.

Item 3. I direct that my Executor hereinafter named sell my remaining real estate at private sale for the best price he can obtain therefor on the following terms towit: one third the purchase money in hand, and the residue in two equal annual installments, with interest and that he secure the deferred payments by the purchasers note and mortgage on said realty. And I hereby empower my said Executor to make to said purchaser, deed for said lands in fee simple.

Item 4. All the residue of my estate after said sum of five hundred dollars each is paid to my said daughters Elizabeth and Rachel I give and devise and bequeath to Martha Waln, Mary A. Hansel, David Wilkinson, Leah Waln, Jehu Wilkinson, and Elijah Wilkinson, share and share alike to be paid them by said Executor and direct my Executor to sell my personal goods which said legatees will not take at the appraisement thereof.

Item 5. I hereby appoint Jehu Wilkinson my son, Executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereto set my name in presence of Marshall A. Moore and Maggie Burress.

Elijah C. Wilkinson"

Proven in Putnam Co. Court Aug. 12, 1875

Elizabeth Wilkinson, wife of Elijah, was the dau. of David and Martha (King) Hixson. It is believed her mother was the dau. of John King (b. ca 1750, d. Jan. 1792) who is said to have moved to Loudoun Co., Va. before the Rev. War., where he died. Supposedly Elizabeth's mother d. in Loudoun Co. before 1809 as in that year, on May 27, in that county her husband married Catherine Ruse. (One source indicates that the marriage was in 1806.) Catherine Ruse was born in Loudoun County, Feb. 4, 1783. David and Catherine moved to Ross Co., Ohio in 1811, where they lived about one year, after which they moved to Fairfield Twp., Highland Co., Ohio where they spent the remainder of their lives. David and Catherine d. in Highland Co. - he on Apr. 20, 1832 and she on Feb. 14, 1885 at the age of 102.

David and Martha Hixson's children:

- i Elizabeth, b. Aug. 25, 1794.
- ii Daniel, b. Aug. 15, 1795, d. June 9, 1875.
- iii Ann, b. Sept. 6, 1800, m. Hiram Burnett.
- iv John.

David and Catherine Hixson's children:

- i Mary "Polly", d. June 10, 1895 at the age of 85 y. 11 m. 9 d.; m. John Stretch.
- ii William, b. Jan. 11, 1812.
- iii Samuel.
- iv Alice Elsie, d. May 7, 1833 in 17th year.

- v David.
- vi Nancy, m. Benjamin H. Johnson.
- vii Joseph.
- viii Emily, m. J. W. Donahue.

David and Catherine and their children; Mary, William, and Alice; and David and Martha's son Daniel are buried in the Dunkard Cem., 2 miles S. of Highland, Ohio. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves. All 12 children were mentioned in David's will which was proven in Highland Co. court on May 5, 1832.

Issue (Children of Elijah Cooper and Elizabeth (Hixson) Wilkinson):

- 13. i Martha, b. Nov. 3, 1814.
- 14. ii Mary Ann, b. Feb. 18, 1817.
- 15. iii John, b. July 17, 1819.
- 16. iv Leah W., b. Oct. 25, 1821; d. Oct. 2, 1898.
v Elizabeth Jane, b. Mar. 13, 1825; d. June 6, 1896 in Knoxville, Iowa. Never married.
- 17. vi David Hixson, b. Dec. 9, 1827.
vii Rachel, b. Sept. 29, 1829; d. May 12, 1880.
viii Rebecca, b. Oct. 17, 1833; d. July 17, 1839, buried Dunkard Cem., Fairfield Twp., Highland Co., Ohio. An inscribed gravestone marks her grave.
- 18. ix Jehu Q., b. Oct. 26, 1836.

It is believed that all 9 children were b. in Highland Co., Ohio with the possible exception of Mary Ann. A newspaper obituary gives her birthplace as Springfield, Ohio. Actually it is believed she was b. near what is now Springdale, Ohio, which town, in the early 1800's was named Springfield and is the town where her Wilkinson grandparents lived.

Rachel, their seventh child, who never married, passed away in Putnam Co., Ind., May 12, 1880. She is buried in the Brick Chapel Cem., 6 miles N. of Greencastle, Ind. A large brown inscribed stone marks her grave. In her will, dated Nov. 11, 1875, she left all of her property, both real and personal, to her sister, Elizabeth Jane, who also never married. Provision was also made in the will "that all the estate and interest I may have in the property and estate of my deceased brother John Wilkinson shall at the death of Betsy Ann Wilkinson (his wife) go to and be given to her son Elijah H. Wilkinson."

A newspaper obituary of Rachel Wilkinson (probably from a Greencastle, Ind. paper) follows:

RACHEL WILKINSON

"Died, in this city, Wednesday, May 12, 1880 of heart disease, Rachel Wilkinson, after an illness of twenty-one days. She was born in Highland County, Ohio, September 29, 1829. At the age of ten years, she moved with her parents to Putnam County,

Indiana, residing with them 7 miles north of this city. In the year 1866, she removed to her late home in Greencastle, where she spent her last days.

"She was a woman of many excellent traits of character, of unbounded benevolence; the poor and needy never went unsupplied from her door; she sought their homes give aid and comfort; many will long remember her as a friend. The Temperance cause found her a strong support. During the Womans' Crusade she was at her post. She was a warm advocate of religion, and strong in her views, but not until the last year of her life did she unite with the church. In September last she joined the College Avenue M.E. Church. After being a member a few months, of the church militant, she was called to join the church triumphant. 'She rests from her labors; her work do follow her!'

A. FRIEND

7. MARY "POLLY" (John¹), dau. of John and Leah (Niswanger) Wilkinson, was b. near Winchester, Va., Dec. 25, 1793. She m. Cornelius Cook in Butler Co., Ohio, Nov. 3, 1812. Mary and Cornelius both d. in Shelby Co., Ind. - she on Apr. 25, 1866 and he on Sept 7, 1864. Cornelius made a will on Feb. 7, 1858 in Shelby Co. and named therein 6 children, viz.: William H., Harriett, John, Samuel, Rosanna, and Rebecca Jane.

Issue:

- i William H., m. Sarah Ann Jaco in Shelby Co., Sept. 26, 1848.
- ii Harriett. m. Benedict M. Darmer, Apr. 5, 1835.
- iii John Alphonse.
- iv Samuel. The 1880 census for Marion Twp., Shelby Co. shows living in his household Samuel (age 56), Rebecca J. (age 50) and William (age 13). He m. Rebecca Jane Kastner in Shelby Co., Ind., June 10, 1847.
- 19. v Rosanna, m. Harrison Rhoads, May 16, 1859.
- vi Rebecca, b. June 29, 1829, d. July 5, 1906; m. John Kastner who was b. July 4, 1826 and d. Apr. 24, 1883. John L. Fox, R.R. 2, Shelbyville, Ind. is a great-great grandson and has much information on this branch of the family.

8. MARGARET (John¹), dau. of John and Leah (Niswanger) Wilkinson, was b. in Hamilton (later Butler Co.), Ohio, Oct. 20, 1797. She m. Job Huffman, son of Ambrose and Christiansa Huffman, in Butler Co., Ohio, Feb. 9, 1826. He was b. in Madison Co., Va., Feb. 18, 1785. Margaret and Job both d. near Springdale, Ohio - she on Jan 27, 1886 and he on Mar. 3, 1876. Both are buried in the Springdale Presbyterian Cem. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves.

Issue:

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| | i | Samuel, b. June 8, 1827, d. Nov. 4, 1838. |
| | ii | Leah, b. 1828, d. 1829. |
| 20. | iii | Allen, b. Jan. 16, 1830. |
| | iv | Benjamin, b. 1836, d. 1836, a twin. |
| 21. | v | William W., b. 1836 |
| 22. | vi | Mary C. |
| | vii | John A., b. Apr. 12, 1838, d. Oct. 15, 1840. |
| 23. | viii | Elizabeth. |

It is believed that these 8 children of Job and Margaret Huffman were all b. near Springdale, Ohio. Four of them (Leah, Samuel, Benjamin, and John A.) are buried there in the Presbyterian Cem. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves.

Job's parents originally settled in Cincinnati, Ohio near Bond Hill. Job had 6 brothers and sisters, viz: - Allen m. (1) Elizabeth Evans, 3 children, m. (2) Barbara Anson, 3 children; Milly m. Robert Mitchel, 5 children; John m. Elenor Smith, 6 children; Elizabeth, d. when young; Henry a batchelor; and Tobias, m. Mary Hoffman, 10 children. Job's mother, Christiana, d. Jan. 23, 1863. Although Job and his descendants have for the most part spelled their surname "Huffman", some, if not all of his ancestors spelled the name "Hoffman".

The following obituary of Margaret (Wilkinson) Huffman is from a Hamilton, Ohio newspaper - issue of Wed., Feb. 4, 1886, in a column of happenings of the previous wed. For a more lengthy obituary see Chap. I:-

"Mrs. Margaret Hoffman, mother of Mrs. Mary A. Hull, of the First ward, died at her residence in Fairfield township, at 2 o'clock this morning of old age and general debility. Mrs. Hoffman was born on the farm where she died, October 20, 1797. Her parents emigrated to Ohio from Virginia and the longest period she was ever absent from Fairfield township was, when many years ago, she visited her old home in Virginia, making the trip on horseback and being absent six weeks. Four children, two sons and two daughters survive her decease. Funeral Friday morning."

9. LEAH (John¹), dau. of John and Leah (Niswanger) Wilkinson, was b. near Springdale, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1800. She m. (1) Thomas and m. (2) George Imel, son of Peter and Susan (Kirkwood) Imel. George was b. in Va. and d. near Fairland, Ind. He and his father are buried in the Rocklane Cem., Rocklane, Ind. His gravestone reads, "George Imel, Feb. 28, 1793, Jan. 27, 1879, Soldier in the War of 1812" and that of his father reads, "Peter Imel, 1764-1849, A Soldier in the Revolutionary War." These two gravestones are not originals - the original stones having disappeared. Peter's original grave was located near Fairland, Ind.

Leah was George's third wife. He had five children by his first wife, one child by his second, and three by Leah. He

married Leah in Shelby Co., Ind., Sept. 12, 1836. An inscribed gravestone marks Leah's grave in Rocklane Cem. Prior to her marriage to George she lived in Warren Co., Ind.

A most comprehensive record of the descendants of Peter Imel is given in a 618-page handwritten manuscript in the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, Ind., entitled "Imel-Immel Records", compiled by Lewis E. Jones, Harry Imel, and Arthur Blaine Imel. Peter was born in Germany.

The 1850 census for Clark Twp., Johnson Co., Ind. shows living in the George Imel household, his wife Leah, two children of his first marriage (Andrew J. and George W.), the one child of his second marriage (Elizabeth) and the three children of his marriage to Leah (Allin W., Peter, and Elijah W.). Leah had no issue by her first marriage.

Allin W., son of Leah, m. (1) Indiana A. Wheelen in Jefferson Co., Ind., Apr. 14, 1858, m. (2) _____, and m. (3) Miranda Bailey. He had two children by his first marriage (George, b. June 25, 1859, d. Nov. 10, 1925, and a second son, name unknown); two children by his second marriage (Andrew Jackson and Lera); and three children by his third marriage (Laura, Eva, and Thomas). Allin W., b. ca 1838, is buried in Howard Co., Ind. His son, Thomas, was living in Freetown, Ind. in 1948.

Peter, son of Leah, m. Catherine Caroline Mather, in Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 1, 1868. He was b. Jan. 7, 1839 and d. in 1918. Catherine was b. Mar. 17, 1850 and d. May 11, 1934. They had nine children - Frank Leslie (b. Feb. 11, 1869, d. 1939), Nellie Viola (b. Apr. 24, 1871, d. Feb. 3, 1901), Harry Mather (b. May 14, 1873, lived in Palm City, Calif. in 1949), Herbert Glenn, b. Feb. 9, 1878, d. 1934), Ivy I (b. Apr. 27, 1880), Anna M. (b. Mar. 3, 1883), Ralph Waldo (b. July 14, 1885), and Paul R. (b. Sept. 17, 1901), and George John (b. Jan. 29, 1876, d. Oct. 4, 1949).

Elijah W., son of Leah, m. Mary Johnson. He was b. Jan. 2, 1841 and d. July 20, 1865. His grave in the Rocklane Cem. is marked with an inscribed gravestone. He, his father George Imel, and three other persons are buried in the same grave. His wife, Mary, is buried in a country cemetery a few miles from Charleston, Ill. After Elijah's death Mary m. Will Adamson. Elijah and Mary had two children - Wilbur Ellsworth (b. 1862, d. 1942) and Elijah, Jr. (b. Dec. 7, 1862, d. Jan. 7, 1863). Elijah, Jr.'s. grave is marked with an inscribed gravestone in Rocklane Cem.

Wilbur Ellsworth Imel, grandson of Leah's, m. Leary. They had one child, Wilbur G., who d. at the age of 44 y., 6 m., 10 d. Wilbur G. was married five times but had no issue by any of his marriages.

For the many descendants of Leah's sons Allin W. and Peter, and her husband's six other children, see the above mentioned manuscript.

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10. REBECCA (John¹), dau. of John and Leah (Niswanger) Wilkinson, was b. near Springdale, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1805 and d. in the Springdale area Sept. 21, 1835. She m. John McKee in Butler Co., Ohio, Sept. 16, 1827. She is buried in the Springdale Presbyterian Cem. and an inscribed gravestone marks her grave. The only other "McKee" gravestone found in that cem. is that of a John McKee (b. 1828, d. 1830) who, supposedly, was Rebecca's son. She had at least one other child because that child (name not known) shared in the estate of Samuel Wilkinson, Rebecca's brother.

Issue:

- i John, b. 1828, d. 1830.
- ii ?, possibly a dau. named Rebecca.

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11. MARY ("Aunt Polly"), dau. of William and Elizabeth Wilkinson, m. Owen Conerly, son of Cullen and Letticia Conerly, in Fayetteville, N.C., Jan. 14, 1808. He was b. about 1795 and d. in 1848. After marriage they settled at China Grove, Miss. Owen and his brother Luke were among the organizers and principal supporters of the Methodist Church in China Grove.

Issue:

- i Cullen, b. ca 1823, m. Levisa Lewis, dau. of Martin Lewis. They had one child, Owen, who m. Teletha Warner. Owen was in the Civil War.
- ii William W. m. (1) Caroline Starns and m. (2) Margaret Connally. Four children by the first marriage - James, Mark, John (d. early), and William (d. early) and one child (Lulu) by the second.
- iii John R. (Jackie), m. Elizabeth Tines.
- iv Eliza, m. Jesse Ball. Four children - William, Newton, Needham, and Rebecca.
- v Owen, b. ca 1818, d. ca 1860; m. Ann Louisa Stevens, dau. of Samuel James and Ann (Lawn) Stephens, granddaughter of Buxton and Mary (Dawson) Lawn. Photographs of Owen and his wife are contained in their son's history of Pike Co., Miss. They had 10 children - Dr. Chauncey Porter who was in the civil war; Luke W., the author, who m. Emma Eoline Quin; Mary Ann, b. ca 1848 in Pike Co., Miss., m. William J. Lamkin; Buxton R. who was in the Civil War; Owen F.; Thomas B.; Samuel L.; Edward S.; Lula, d. early; and Cecelia, d. early.
- vi Emily, m. Daniel Ball.
- vii Luke, d. early.
- viii Rebecca, d. early.
- ix Catherine, d. early.
- x Mary Jane, b. ca 1825 in N.C.; m. (1) Jabez Lewis brother to above Levisa Lewis and m. (2) Benjamin Lampton. One child by the first marriage - Mira who m. Monroe Smith and 7 children by the second marriage - Walter M., Lucius L., Thaddeus B., Iddo W., Edward, Mollie, and Cora.
- xi James, m. Mary Lamkin, dau. of Sampson L. and Narcissa (Sessions) Lamkin, granddaughter of Keziah (Snead) Lampkin.
- xii Melissa, d. early.
- xiii Susan, d. early.

The above-mentioned Owen and Teletha Conerly had 7 children - John M. who m. Jane Lampton; William M., who m. Sarah Harvey;

Mary Ann (Polly) who m. John Colquhoun; Rebecca who m. Loftlin Colquhoun; Eliza; Catherine (Kitty) who m. W.H.H. Bramfield; and Martha who m. Needham Holmes.

12. ABNER (James², John¹), son of James and Catherine (Clap) Wilkinson, was b. near Covington, Ind., Feb. 16, 1830; d. in Manzanola, Colo., June 15, 1903 of blood poisoning due to heart disease from rheumatism; and is buried in Manzanola. He m. Catharine Ann Monnet near Greencastle, Ind., Feb. 18, 1851. Following their marriage, they lived a few years in Hendricks Co., Ind. Catharine was b. about 1832.

On July 25, 1862 Abner enlisted at Coatesville, Ind. in the Civil War and served as a private in Co. K, 55th Ind. Vol. Inf. Reg., commanded by Capt. Layman and was honorably discharged, in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 23, 1862. Twenty-five years later, on Jan. 28, 1887, then living in Conway Springs, Kans., he made application for a Civil War pension, on the basis of a disability "from overexertion and sleeping on the damp ground contracted disease of the spine which greatly disabled him for manual labor and continued to grow worse as he advanced in age." In the application he stated that he had been treated at the Field Hospital, Covington, Ky. and described himself as being 5 feet 10 inches in height, florid complexion, dark hair, brown eyes. A pension was granted.

Abner was a mechanic and shoemaker. In 1898 he was living in Hedrick, Iowa.

One month after Abner's death his widow made application for a Civil War Widow's pension, which was granted. She d. in Los Angeles, Calif. (854 W. 37th St.) on Apr. 10, 1915.

In 1898 while living in Hedrick, Iowa, Abner furnished the Bureau of Pensions a list of his children, as follows:

Issue:

- i Georgia Ann, b. Feb. 14, 1853.
- ii Josephine, b. Nov. 23, 1854.
- iii Landy Abner, b. May 31, 1857. In 1903
Landy was living in Manzanola, Colo.

13. MARTHA (Elijah², John¹), dau. of Elijah Cooper and Elizabeth (Hixson) Wilkinson, was b. in Highland Co., Ohio, Nov. 3, 1814. She m. John Waln, son of Joseph and Mary (Bonard) Waln, in Highland Co., Ohio, June 26, 1834. He was b. in Frederick Co., Va., Aug. 17, 1812. Martha and John both d. in Putnam Co., Ind. - she on Aug. 25, 1892 and he on July 8, 1889 and both are buried in the Wesley Chapel Cem., 4 miles S.E. of Bainbridge, Ind. A single inscribed monument marks their graves.

John Waln's parents were Joseph and Mary (Bonard) Waln. (Mary was the dau. of Henry Bonard.) They emigrated from Winchester Pike, Shenandoah Valley, Va. to Lexington, Highland Co.,

Ohio. Beside John they had 8 other children:- Samuel, Henry, William, Joseph, Joshua, Nancy, Elizabeth, and Mary.

Martha (Wilkinson) Waln's sister, Leah, m. a son of the above Henry and a brother m. a dau. of the above, Samuel, as hereinafter disclosed.

The following biography of John Waln is from the "Biographical and Historical Record of Putnam Co., Ind., 1887":-

"John Waln, retired farmer, Bainbridge, was born in Frederick County, Virginia, eighteen miles north of Winchester, August 17, 1812. His father, Joseph Waln, was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother, Mary Waln, was a native of Virginia. He was reared on a farm and educated in the early subscription schools. He removed to Highland County, Ohio, in 1830, and to this county in 1839, locating in Floyd Township. He was married June 26, 1834, in Highland County, to Martha Wilkinson, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Wilkinson, and their children are - Elizabeth A., Elijah C. and Mary J. Samuel is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Waln are members of the Christian church. He owns 350 acres of land in Floyd and Monroe townships, besides property in Bainbridge. He was a Henry Clay Whig in an early day, but has been a Republican ever since the organization of that party."

Issue:

- 24. i Elizabeth Ann, b. in Leesburg, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1836.
- 25. ii Elijah Cooper, b. in Highland Co., Ohio, Mar. 7, 1838.
- 26. iii Mary J. "Mollie", b. near Roachdale, Ind., Jan. 23, 1852.
iv Samuel, d. in infancy.

- 14. MARY ANN (Elijah², John¹), dau. of Elijah Cooper and Elizabeth (Hixson) Wilkinson, was b. in Highland Co., Ohio, Feb. 16, 1817. She m. George William Hansell, son of John and Hannah (Adams) Hansell, in Hillsboro, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1836. He was b. in Frederick Co., Va., Apr. 29, 1813. George and Mary d. in Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Ind. - he on Sept. 11, 1883 and she on Mar. 17, 1901.

George and Mary Ann, her parents, and her sister Martha and husband came to Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Ind. in 1839. In 1879 George owned the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 20 in that twp. A fine two-story New England colonial home erected on his farm, at the time of the civil war, was destroyed by fire in the 1880's. He sold for \$10.00 one and one-half acres of the land for a cemetery and church (Wesley Cem. and Wesley Chapel). George and Mary Ann, her parents as well as many relatives are buried in that cemetery. Their graves are marked with inscribed gravestones.

Three sons of this union, John, David and Elijah, served in the Civil War. John, a private in Co. A., Ind. 27th Vol. Inf. Reg., was killed Sept. 17, 1862 in the battle of Antietam, Md., and is buried in the Antietam National Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Md. (headstone No. 4217). A history of the Ind. 27th Vol. Inf. Reg. is contained in the book "Indiana at Antietam, Report of the Indiana Antietam Monument Commission," Indianapolis, Ind., 1911. John was mustered into military service at Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 12, 1861. He was listed as a farmer, age 22, height 5 ft. 10 ins., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair.

Issue:

- i Juretta, b. in Highland Co., Ohio, Nov. 15, 1837.
- ii John Walker, b. in Highland Co., Ohio, Mar. 18, 1839; killed in the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862.
- iii David, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., Dec. 28, 1840.
- iv Elijah Cooper, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., Oct. 27, 1842.
- v Rachel Mariah, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., July 9, 1844.
- vi Joseph, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., Mar. 17, 1846; d. in Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Ind., Nov. 23, 1847; and buried in Wesley Chapel Cem. An inscribed gravestone marks his grave.
- vii Hannah Louisa, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., July 15, 1848.
- viii Elizabeth Ann, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., Aug. 12, 1850.
- ix Mary Ellen, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., May 23, 1852.
- x George W., b. near Bainbridge, Ind., Jan. 5, 1855.
- xi Rebecca, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., Apr. 30, 1857.
- xii Jonathan, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., Dec. 3, 1859, a twin.
- xiii Jehu, b. near Bainbridge, Ind., Dec. 3, 1859, a twin.

No attempt has been made in this book to include accounts of George William and Mary Ann Hansell's descendants as accounts of them are included in this compiler's book "Descendants of German Immigrant Johann Lorentz Hansel (Hentzel)", co-authored with Mrs. Zera (Hansell) Howe and published Aug. 1, 1968. In 1968 there were 953 descendants, living and dead! To have included them would have doubled the size of this book. Mrs. Howe and this compiler's wife, Marianna Amy (Hansell) Sausaman, are granddaughters of their son, Elijah Cooper Hansell.

The following letter written by Mary Ann Hansell, postmarked Bainbridge Ind., Aug. 31, 1888, was written to her son, Elijah Cooper Hansell, in Medaryville, Ind., after a visit to her daughters, Juretta Figg and Hannah Louisa Shoemaker in Kans.:--

"Bainbridge Aug 31 1888

Dear ser (son) Mr E C Hansell

Dear Children i am seated to inform you of my safe arivet (arrival) hom i landed (?) at bainbrig (Bainbridge) on the fifteenth not very well it took a deep cold ____ i was ____ i hav not yet over it i had a nic visit all round was well all the time untill i took cold it rained and ____ up cooler all of a sudant an giv us all coles the result i took the astmay (asthma) i am very hoars at times yet i found the children an gran children all well an left them well but Hiram (her son-in-law) he has been in pore health all sumer i found george (Hiram's son) well an in fine spearets that had such a fine prospect for a corn crop. the wheat an rye an oats was very good an millet that was maid an cut tha had it very reasonbel up un til last of July then the hot winds set in i left ____ on July the 30 it was so hot that every thing seam to wilt before the wind and son (sun) and did not ____ was a hot steam the 31 first was the hottest day we traveld all that day and night and did not find mutch cooler at ____ un till the cold snap that maid us all sick with colds uncel richmdn (Richmond Hansell, her husband's half-brother) is dedd he (he) has been dedd at least towe months Johnathan (her son) got a letter from som (?) of them to ____ he threw it down that was the last of it cant be found an never told ____ of the reast so we dont know any of the particklars so we must excus him it is the first baby it is three months old today it was very small it weight two an a half pounds at first it is a fine baby it is a 10 pounder now tha call her grace (her son Jonathan's first child) just (?) well get don (done) soing wheet today, thear is a fine crop of fruit of all kinds peaches & peary & grape, & plums an appels by the bushl we have had peach pie, uncel John & Martha (her sister) is better this summer tha can walk a round the hous an eat thear meals at the tabel, tha hav porley spells up an down Eliz Jan (Elizabeth Jane, her sister) is in ohio visiten the old uncels an aunts, i did not git to see Jehu (her son) Flora (her granddaughter Flora B. Mason) got a letter from ____ timmines (?) last week she said tha had no things left the hail storm an hot winds had ruind thear crops i never saw such a prospect (?) for a good crop in my life every thing was boooming wheet was very good and cut ____ and oats was a fare crop millit

and rie corn an cain was very good it is all burnt up
 i dont know wheather georg will stay thear any longer or not
 he has a beautiful (?) farm he has sixty five acres brook an
 plant in somthing he has don so much thear if he leavs he will
 loos it all he has a good hous an stabel a good well an watter
 cant rent it a tall for lov nor money thears no money left
 you cold git all the ground you wanted for nothing E C Wilkerson
 an aunt ~~an lots of others~~ better houses in county
 an lots of others cant rais enuf to liv on, this leavs all well
 come an eat peaches my lov to all

to E. C. Hensell

M A
Hensell (s)

Oh sen me a new pen an a spelling book (I wonder why?, Comp.)

15. JOHN (Elijah², John¹), son of Elijah Cooper and Elizabeth (Hixson) Wilkinson, was b. in Highland Co., Ohio, July 17, 1819. He m. Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Waln, dau. of Samuel and Mary Waln. She was b. in Va., July 19, 1819. John and Betsy both d. in Putnam Co., Ind. - he on Feb. 19, 1863 and she on Sept. 29, 1892. Both are buried in the Wesley Chapel Cem., 4 miles S.E. of Bainbridge, Ind. Separate inscribed gravestones mark their graves.

Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" (Waln) Wilkinson had 5 brothers and sisters:- Elijah, William, Joseph, Julia Ann, and Sarah. Elijah, a merchant, settled in Mt. Vernon. William and Joseph settled in Fayette Co., Ohio. Julia Ann and Sarah m. brothers (Timmons) came from Pickaway Co., Ohio.

John Wilkinson made a will on Jan. 6, 1863. The witnesses were James Shoemaker and John L. Hall and the executors were William Timmons and John's brother Jehu. His estate for the most part was left to his wife Betsy but under certain conditions his assets were to be given to his son Elijah, to his brothers and sisters, and to his brother David's daughter, Josephine.

In 1880 Betsy was living at her son Elijah's home in Putnam Co., Ind.

Issue:

27. i Elijah H., b. Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Ind.
 in 1840.

16. LEAH W. (Elijah², John¹), dau. of Elijah Cooper and Elizabeth (Hixson) Wilkinson, was b. Oct. 25, 1821 in Highland Co., Ohio. She m. William Waln, son of Henry and Elizabeth "Betsy" (McKee) Waln, in Putnam Co., Ind., Apr. 18, 1842. Leah d. Oct. 2, 1898, presumably, in Putnam Co. It is believed she did not have any children. William Waln had 12 brothers and sisters: - Mary Ann, Nancy, Bettie, Becky, Eliza, Roda, Martha, Joseph, John, Jim, Joseph, and George.

17. DAVID HIXSON (Elijah², John¹), son of Elijah Cooper and Elizabeth (Hixson) Wilkinson, was b. in Highland Co., Ohio, Dec. 9, 1827. He m. (1) Amazetta Day, dau. of Ambrose and Joanna (Moss) Day, in Putnam Co., Ind., Sept. 29, 1853 and m. (2) Lydia (Huggins) Francis, in Wapello Co., Iowa, Jan. 11, 1880. Amazetta was b. in Putnam Co., Ind., Sept. 18, 1835 and Lydia in Ohio, ca 1845. David and Amazetta d. in Wapello Co., Iowa--he on Sept. 19, 1884 and she on July 3, 1874 and both are buried there. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves. Lydia had a son, Sam, by a previous marriage to Francis. He resided in Canada. Lydia spent her last days with her dau., Laura Evangeline, in Iola, Kans. and presumably is buried there.

David died intestate leaving as his heirs 9 children (his son Ambrose was dead at the time). After all debts had been paid, including a payment of \$475.00 to his sister Leah Waln (in payment of a loan she had made to him), the estate balance of \$878.13 was equally divided between the 9 children with son Elijah acting as guardian for the 3 minor children. For some reason or other David's wife, Lydia, did not share in the assets.

Amazetta had 10 brothers and sisters. Several of her maternal uncles were soldiers in the War of 1812. Her father's ancestors came from Ireland, and her mother's from Wales. Her parents came from Ky. to Putnam Co., Ind. in 1829, locating 6 miles northeast of Greencastle, where her father entered 160 acres of land from the Government. A biographical account of her brother, Isaac M. Day, is given in the 1887 history of Putnam Co., Ind. Amazetta's mother, Joanna, was the dau. of William and Lydia (Glasscock) Moss. William Moss served in the Rev. War.

Children of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson:

- 28. i Elizabeth Anna, b. Jan. 7, 1854.
- 29. ii Josephine, b. Oct. 14, 1856.
- 30. iii Elijah Emery, b. Nov. 23, 1858.
- 31. iv Jehu Henry, b. Oct. 16, 1860.
- 32. v Mary Catherine, b. May 16, 1863.
- 33. vi Ida May, b. Feb. 12, 1866.
- 34. vii Mattie Leora, b. Mar. 10, 1868.
- 35. viii Armanious A., b. June 7, 1871.
- ix Ambrose, b. July 31, 1873, d. ca 1874.

(The first 4 children were b. in Putnam Co., Ind., and the other 5 in Wapello Co., Iowa.)

Children of David Hixson and Lydia Francis (Huggins) Wilkinson:

- i Laura Evangeline, b. in Wapello Co., Iowa, Jan. 29, 1883.

Laura m. Roy Kelsey. He was b. Apr. 26, 1878. Laura and Roy d. in Iola, Kans.--he on Dec. 13, 1951 and she on Mar. 7, 1970. Both are buried there in Highland Cem. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves. They had no children. The following obituary of Laura appeared in an Iola, Kans. newspaper:--

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Mrs. Roy Kelsey

"Laura M. Kelsey, 87, 402 South Jefferson, died this morning at the Allen County Hospital. She had been in the hospital for the past six weeks and in failing health for the past year.

"Mrs. Kelsey was born January 29, 1883, at Ottumwa, Iowa. She came to Kansas with her parents (mother, Ed.) as a child. The family (mother, Ed.) lived near Piqua. She was married to Roy Kelsey and they lived in Gas City for a number of years. He died December 31, 1951.

"She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

"There are no survivors.

"Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Waugh Yokum Funeral Home. The Rev. Thomas Nyquist will officiate. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery."

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(A reserve page not used.)

18. JEHU Q. (Elijah², John¹), son of Elijah Cooper and Elizabeth (Hixson) Wilkinson, was b. near Lexington, Highland Co., Ohio, Oct. 26, 1836. He m. (1) Louisa Belle Fyffe, dau. of Thomas and Zerelda (Allen) Fyffe, in Putnam Co., Ind., June 20, 1866 and m. (2) Lydia Elizabeth (McCoy) Hilands, dau. of William and Mary Ann (Monroe) McCoy, in Bainbridge, Ind., Sept. 6, 1891. Jehu and his first wife both d. in Bainbridge, Ind. - he on July 2, 1913 and she on Mar. 5, 1880. Both are buried in the Brick Chapel Cem., 6 miles N. of Greencastle, Ind. A single inscribed monument marks their graves. Jehu's second wife d. in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2, 1942. She is buried in the Sunset Burial Park, St. Louis, Mo., and a gravestone marks her grave. Louisa was b. in Putnam Co., Ind., Aug. 19, 1844, and Lydia was b. in Glendale, Pope Co., Ill., Oct. 9, 1853.

Children of Jehu Q. and Louisa Belle (Fyffe) Wilkinson

- i Leinore E.Z. "Nora", b. Apr. 19, 1867; d. July 8, 1895; buried Brick Chapel Cem., Putnam Co., Ind. An inscribed gravestone marks her grave. She m. Charles C. Fyffe. No issue.
- ii Wilbur T.E., b. Feb. 16, 1869; d. Oct. 5, 1877; buried Brick Chapel Cem. An inscribed gravestone marks his grave.
- iii Carl Hixon, b. Oct. 12, 1870. A further account of him follows in this chapter.
- iv Edwin Jehu "Ed", b. July 24, 1874. A further account of him follows in this chapter.
- v Edith L., b. Mar. 7, 1877; d. Feb. 14, 1878; buried Brick Chapel Cem. An inscribed gravestone marks her grave.
- vi Alice Hattie, b. May 20, 1879; d. July 15, 1880; buried Brick Chapel Cem. An inscribed gravestone marks her grave.

Children of Jehu Q. and Lydia Elizabeth (McCoy) Hilands Wilkinson

- i McKinley McCoy, b. Nov. 16, 1892. A further account of him follows in this chapter.

(The above 7 children were all born near Bainbridge, Ind.)

The following biographical account of Jehu Q. Wilkinson was furnished to this compiler in 1969 by his last surviving child, McKinley McCoy Wilkinson:-

Jehu Q. Wilkinson

"My Father was named after the Jehu Wilkinson in St Marys Parish, Louisiana, who was a half brother to Samuel, my Grandfathers oldest (full) brother. He was in the Civil War and served under General Benjamin Harrison (who later became President) with the 70th Reg. (78th Reg., Comp.) of Indiana. Both were members of the Grand Army of The Republic-GAR. During the Civil War Jehu Wilkinson was Invalided home because of severe Asthma attacks, and after recuperating, he formed and was made Captain of, the Bainbridge Home Guard Unit, and for his remaining years was known as the Captain. He married Luisa B. Fife in June 1866 and three Children lived, Lenore who was oldest married but had no children and died in 1895, Carl became a Doctor and moved to Chicago. Ed invested his money from Aunt Rebeccal in a Farm, and married Mattie Waln, daughter of Elijah Waln. The farm of Elijah Waln was on a hill covered with huge Fir trees and faced Eastover looking the bottom acreage of both his and Elijah Wilkinson whose huge white painted house faced South. The cousins owned together close to 600 Acres. on Walnut Creek Road, and later on I heard it was purchased and owned by Carl Wilkinson. Edwin & Mattie Wilkinson had no children, and are buried in Brick Chapel Cemetery. My Father Jehu Wilkinson married Lydia Elizabeth McCoy who was a widow, having lost her husband John Hilands. My half sister Alice Hilands married Andrew Gray in Mississippi I was born on November 16th 1892 in Bainbridge Indiana, finished High School there.

"My Fathers Sister Rebeccal¹ stayed with us at Bainbridge when I was very small. I remember that Rebeccal was the first woman I ever saw smoke a clay pipe, and I used to urge her to Smoke so I could watch her puff smoke into our Fireplace in the west Living Room on Cumberland Hill. It was named by my Father for the Cumberland Church my Father bought, and remodeled our house from the Black Walnut lumber it contained."

Jehu enlisted in the Civil War at Indianapolis, Ind., on Nov. 19, 1861. He served as a private in Co. K, 16th Ind. Vol. Inf. Regt. until May 23, 1862 and then in Co. B, 78th Ind. Vol. Inf. Regt. from July 28, 1862 to Oct. 2, 1862. In 1891, and again in 1907, he applied for a pension, which were granted, for his service in the Civil War. In the 1907 application he is described as 5 ft. 10 ins. in height, dark complexion, eyes of light color, dark hair, and a farmer by occupation. In 1917, 4 years after his death, his widow, Lydia, was also granted a pension.

Just 17 days before his death Jehu wrote the following postal card, from Bainbridge Ind., to his nephew, Elijah Cooper Hansell, at Medaryville, Ind.:-

¹ McCoy's memory is in error here as this was actually his aunt, Elizabeth Jane Wilkinson.

Tuesday, 16th June, 1913

"My Dear Nephew.

Thinking you might want to know how I am I thought I would drop you a line. My condition is about the same. Except my foot is much sorcer than it was. My appetite is good and enjoy eating. We had a splendid rain yesterday which was much needed garden too wet to hoe this morning Hoping to hear from you I remain

Your Uncle
Jehu"

A newspaper obituary (presumably from a Greencastle, Ind. paper) of Jehu follows: (In the third paragraph the name "Highland" should be "Hilands" and the name "Mae" should be "Mac".)

OBITUARY

"Jehu Wilkinson was the son of Elijah and Elizabeth Hixson Wilkinson, was born in Highland county, Ohio, October 26, 1836. His parents when he was about the age of 3 removed to Floyd township, Putnam county, and here his boyhood days and young manhood were passed.

"At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the service of his country in her hour of need, was a member of the 16th regiment of Indiana Volunteers, subsequently was a member of the 78th regiment of the same state.

"He was married on the 20th day of June, 1866, to Lou B. Fyffe, of Bainbridge, who died March 5, 1880. On September 6, 1891, he was married to Lydia McCoy Highland, who survives en children, Lenore, Wilbur, Carl, Edwin, Edith, Alice and Mae. Of these four preceded their father to the better land, leaving three to mourn the loss of a kind father. Dr. Carl Wilkinson of Montezuma, Ill., Edwin of Bainbridge and Mac of St. Louis.

"Mr. Wilkinson died July 2, 1913, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with great fortitude and patience. While in the army in winter quarters he contracted the measles. He recovered from this but the disease left a sequel of an asthmatic affliction of the throat from which he suffered all the remainder of his life and which was most probably the principal cause of his death.

"Mr. Wilkinson lived in the community in which he died practically all of his life and was well and widely known. His life is an open book. He as known as a man of sterling integrity and firm character. He was a man of wide knowledge and always to student. On the morning of his death he read the morning paper and was greatly interested in reading the account of the reunion at Gettysburg.

"One of Mr. Wilkinson's strongest characteristics was his great loyalty and his intense devotion to his country, in this he was excelled by none.

"No national holiday passed without the flag of his country being displayed at his home and it seems a beautiful coincidence that he should be borne from the home he loved so well on the anniversary of his country's independence and with the flag he loved so well floating from the door of his home.

"He will be greatly missed by his family and by his relatives and neighbors and by the community in general."

The parents of Louisa Belle Fyffe, Jehu's first wife, were Thomas and Zerelda (Allen) Fyffe. The following account of her parents appeared in the Putnam county history, "Biographical and Historical Record of Putnam Co., Ind., 1887":-

"Thomas Fyffe, farmer, section 12, Monroe Twp., was born in Mason Co., Ky., Oct. 27, 1814. His father, Jonathan Fyffe, now deceased, was a native of Maryland, and an early settler of Mason County. His early life was passed on a farm, and his education was obtained in the early subscription schools that were taught in the primitive log school-houses, with boards on pegs for desks, clapboard roof, puncheon floor and slab seats. The teachers were those that believed in pounding education into their pupils with ox gads. Mr. Fyffe came to this county in the fall of 1836, settling in Monroe Township, and has since resided in the county. He lived six years in Floyd Twp. and in Monroe Twp. the remainder of the time. The country was new when he first came, and there was but little land cleared. His salt cost one dollar a bushel. He went to Crawfordsville and Indianapolis to mill, a distance of twenty-two and forty miles respectively. He was married Jan. 9, 1840 to Miss Zerelda Allen, daughter of Robert Allen, now deceased, who was born in Montgomery Co., Ky. They have had two children - Lou B. married John (Jehu, Comp.) Q. Wilkinson and had six children - Leonora, Wilbur, Carroll (Carl), Eddie and two deceased; and Mary C. who married Dr. Thomas L. Armstrong, veterinary surgeon of Indianapolis, and they had one child, Josie F. who lives with her grandparents and is quite a musician: both daughters are now deceased. Mr. Fyffe owns 167 acres of land, and it is conceded to be one of the best farms in the county, being well watered, good soil, and timber land. His residence is of brick, 64 x 33 feet, two stories in height, each twelve feet. He is president of two gravel road companies in Monroe Twp. Mr. Fyffe never seeks official honors or political distinction. Both himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Fyffe's father was born in Virginia and came to Kentucky when a young man."

Lydia Elizabeth, Jehu's second wife was previously m., in April 1878, to John S. Hilands, who passed away in Bainbridge, Ind., Feb. 25, 1886. She had one child by this first marriage, a dau. Alice who m. Andrew Gray. Alice and Andrew Gray had several children including a dau. Alice who m. a Mr. Logel. For a time between 1916 and 1935 Lydia lived with her dau., Alice Gray, in Gulfport, Miss. Alice d. in 1941, preceding her mother by a few months.

Lydia had 1 brother and 3 sisters :- Mary Jane, b. 1846; Eliza Ann, b. 1848; John Campbell, b. Feb. 28, 1850; and Lucy Maria. Her brother John Campbell McCoy was still living in 1928 and had a jewelry office at 515 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

After the death of her father, about 1860, Lydia lived with her maternal grandparents, William and Letticia (Cummings) Monroe, until 1871, at New Liberty, Pope Co., Ill. She attended school at Metropolis, Ill. These grandparents had 7 children:- Mary Ann, Gale, Melinda, Safrona, Theodata, William, and Melita. The grandfather was b. in Westmoreland Co., Va. Lydia's mother passed away on Feb. 14, 1874.

At the time of her death Lydia was living with her son, McCoy, at 7811 Cornell Ave, University City, Mo.

As aforesated Lydia in 1917, 4 years after Jehu's death, was granted a Civil War widow's pension. It was renewed in 1928. The following 2 letters to her nephew, Elijah Cooper Hansell, enlisting his aid in getting the pension, and his letter to the Bureau of Pensions, follow:

Dec. 1, 1916
4631 Evans Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

"Mr. E. C. Hansell
Medaryville, Ind.

Dear Sir & Nephew-

Mac received your letter of Oct. 9th and has spoken about answering it. But he is awfully busy as he goes to School at night. Perhaps he told you he was studying Optometry and will soon be able to fit glasses. Then he hopes to be his own boss. Well Lige after you wrote us about it I made application for a pension. The claim has been filed and numbered, 1080,657. But today I rec'd notice that I must have two sworn witnesses who knew Jehu Wilkinson from the time he was of marriageable age. and that he had been married only to Louisa B. Fyffe who died in 1880-, and he remarried in 1891 to Lydia E. Hilands, That he died July 2nd 1913 at Bainbridge. If you will kindly make this statement for me I will get another witness and then I think there will be no more proof needed. You can either send it to me or just forward it to the Department of The Interior Bureau of Pensions. Be sure to put the no. of Claim 1080,657 widow of Jehu W. Co K 16 Reg and Co B. 78 Reg. And I will be greatly obliged to you Mac and I would be glad to have you visit us. We know you havent any special reason for staying right at home like we have so if ever you can come we will be glad to see you I am still very nervous and my heart gives me a good deal of trouble but I am far better than most any of my friends ever thought I would be.

Isn't it a shame that President Wilson will still be our President for another four years?

"He kept us out of war"

Sincerely
Your Aunt
Lydia E. Wilkinson

Nov. 17th 1916

(Not dated)
4631 Evans Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

"Mr. E. C. Hansell

Dear Lige-

My pension is still doubtful you are required to state your "age" and how you know Louisa died in 1880. I knew of her death at the time, I lived near Bainbridge and John S. Hilands attended her funeral I was not well enough to go. The family Bible states her death, but Ed has that - and they also want you to state how you know Jehu Wilkinson died July 2- 1913- I asked you to make this affidavit because you had known all of your uncles history from his youth up till the time of his death, and I knew of no one except David Hansell (her nephew, Comp.) who did so know him I guess Mary Black (her niece, Comp.) could testify. Please be sure to give your age and the pension number on the other side. I hope I wont have to bother you any more we are both tolerably well Your Aunt - Lydia E Wilkinson

P.S. I will be very much obliged to you if you can make the statements required Of course you have not personal knowledge that I have not remarried- but it seems so rediculous that I must have two witnesses when I swore on my application and had two witnesses that I had not done so- L E Wilkinson-

November 20th, 1916

"To the Department of the Interior:

Statement in the matter of claim 1,080,657 Lydia E. Wilkinson widow of Jehu Wilkinson deceased.

"I personally knew Jehu Wilkinson ever since I can remember he was my uncle and lived within one mile of my home 4 miles S. East of Bainbridge, Ind. I personally know he married a neighbor girl Louisa B. Fyffe Between the years 1862 & 1865-month forgotten This marriage was dissolved by death in 1880 of which I have personal knowledge. In 1891 he remarried Mrs. Lydia E. Hiland. I know that he (Jehu) served in the Civil War in Co. K 16th Reg. Ind. Vol. Inf. and in Co. B 78 Reg. Ind. Vol. Inf. and to my personal knowledge he died July 2nd 1913 I attended his funeral He was past 76 years at date of death I personally know that Lydia E. Wilkinson Widow of Jehu Wilkinson has not remarried and is still a widow I was 74 years old Oct. 27th 1916 and draw pension under Certificate No. 728807 and my Present (address) is Medaryville, Ind.

E. C. Hansell, Adjt
Post No. 121 Dep
Indiana
Medaryville, Ind."

Carl Hixson Wilkinson, the third child of Jehu, d. Dec. 20, 1961, at the age of 91. The compiler of this book did not discover Carl's existence until 1961, at which time he was living at West Lafayette, Ind. Calling at his home, it was learned from Carl's wife, Ethel, that he was ill in a Lafayette hospital. To the great surprise and pleasure of this compiler, Ethel produced a Wilkinson family bible containing dates of birth, marriage, and death of 3 generations of Wilkinsons. The bible had originally belonged to Carl's grandfather, Elijah Cooper Wilkinson. Calling on Carl at the hospital this compiler, to his great regret, could not question him because of the seriousness of his illness. A few days after the visit Carl passed away in Lafayette, Dec. 20, 1961. At the time of the visit Ethel seemed to be in perfect health but she died the day following Carl's death - apparently of a broken heart! They were both buried in Brick Chapel Cem., Putnam Co., Ind. They had no children. Their obituaries from a Lafayette newspaper follow:

Dr. Carl H. Wilkinson
Is Dead at 91

"Dr. Carl H. Wilkinson, 91, builder and operator of hospitals in Waterman, Ill., and DeKalb, Ill., prior to his retirement, died in Ross annex nursing home at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, where he had been a patient two weeks. He resided at 518 Russell, West Lafayette.

"Born in Bainbridge, he was a graduate of Northwestern university and Rush Medical college in Chicago. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He built and operated a hospital in Waterman, Ill., for a number of years. He later operated a hospital in DeKalb until the late 1920's when he returned to Chicago where he went into private practice. In 1953 he moved to West Lafayette.

"He was married to Ethel Sullins in 1903.

"The widow is the only immediate survivor.

Mrs. Ethel Wilkinson "

"Mrs. Ethel Wilkinson, 82, of 518 Russell, West Lafayette, died in Home hospital at 3:30 p.m. Thursday where she had been a patient one day.

"Born at West Point, she resided in Waterman, Ill., and Chicago prior to moving to West Lafayette in 1953. She was a member of the Methodist church of Waterman, Ill., and the Waterman DAR.

"She was married to Dr. Carl H. Wilkinson in 1903. Mr. Wilkinson died Tuesday at Ross annex nursing home.

"There are no immediate survivors."

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Edwin J. Wilkinson, the fourth child of Jehu, m. Martha Louise "Mattie" Waln, a first cousin once removed. dau. of Elijah Cooper and Mary R. (Coffman) Waln, in Putnam Co., Ind.. Aug. 27, 1926. There were no children of this union. She was b. in Putnam Co., Apr. 8, 1870. Edwin passed away on Jan. 17, 1935. Although first buried in the Wesley Chapel Cem., near Bainbridge, Ind., his wife later had his remains removed to the Brick Chapel Cem. and placed beside his father. Mattie is also buried in Brick Chapel Cem. but the date of her death has not been found. A letter written by Edwin, 20 days before his father's death, to his cousin Elijah Cooper Hansell, follows:-

Bainbridge, Ind.
June 12, 1913

"Mr. Elijah Hansell
Medaryville, Ind.

Cousin Elijah:

Your card at hand glad to know of your safe return home and no doubt you had a fine time at the Encampment. My fathers condition remains about the same but of course some days he feels better than others. As a rule he gets 2 or 3 hours sleep through the night but can not go to bed ether sleeps in a chair or leans back against pillows on the couch. His foot is very sore and he can hardly walk from couch to chair. Will let you know if there is any change in his condition.

Carl (Edwin's brother) was down for a day and Mattie (Martha Louise Waln whom Edwin married in 1926) went home with him for a visit so you may hear from her while there.

We are having it very dry here and corn is beginning to show the effects of it and the oats and hay will not make much feed. Give my regards to the boys and family.

E J. Wilkinson"

The following obituary of Edwin is from a Greencastle, Ind. newspaper:-

Fri. Jan. 18, 1935 The Daily Banner

Stroke Fatal To Well Known
Floyd Twp. Man
Edwin J. Wilkinson, 60, Succumbs
at County Hospital Late Thursday
Collector of Indian Relics
Survived by Widow and Two Brothers
Funeral to be Held from Home Saturday.

"Edwin J. Wilkinson, age 60 years, prominent stockman of Floyd township, died at the Putnam county hospital Thursday evening at 11:30 o'clock following a stroke of opoplexy suffered January 5.

"Mr. Wilkinson was stricken while in Greencastle and was taken to his home. On January 13 he was brought to the local hospital but failed to rally from the stroke.

"The deceased was born July 24, 1874, the son of Jehu and Lou Fyffe Wilkinson. In his early life he assisted his father who was a contractor. Later he purchased farms in Monroe and Floyd townships on which he raised stock extensively. He was a collector of Indian relics and had an extensive number of those articles.

"He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Martha Waln Wilkinson, and two brothers, Dr. Carl H. Wilkinson of Chicago, and Dr. McCoy Wilkinson of St. Louis, and his step-mother, Mrs. Lydia Wilkinson of Gulfport, Miss.

"Funeral services will be held from the home in Floyd township Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock conducted by the Rev. H. O. Bratton of Bainbridge. Burial will be in Walnut Chapel (Wesley Chapel, Comp.) cemetery."

McKinley McCoy "Mac" Wilkinson, the last child of Jehu, is the last surviving grandchild of Elijah Cooper Wilkinson (1792-1875) - an unusual circumstance for a man still living to have had a grandfather b. 177 years ago. This is accounted for by the fact that Mac, now 77 years old, was b. late in his father's life, coupled with the fact that his father was also b. late in his father's life. Even more astounding is the fact that Mac's great grandfather, John Wilkinson, was b. 243 years ago!

Mac was m. twice. First to Anna Mae (Simpson) Adams, in St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 27, 1918, which marriage ended in divorce in 1928. Anna Mae was b. in 1888 at Anna, Ill. She subsequently m. a Mr. Moe and they now reside in Independence, Mo. On June 27, 1932, in St. Louis, Mo., McCoy m. Irene Eleanor (Sullivan) Smith, dau. of Thomas Francis and Della (Murry) Sullivan. She was b. in Brooklyn, N.Y., Sept. 29, 1900. Her father known as "Brooklyn" became featherweight champion of the world in a boxing match held at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. Her mother, age 87, is still living.

Irene Eleanor was previously m. to George Smith and had one child by him, Elizabeth Jane "Betty". Betty was legally adopted by Mac in 1942. She is now m. to a Mr. Hoban and they have 3 children:- Patrick McCoy, age 18; Irene, age 16; and Sandra, age 14. They live in Houston, Texas.

In Aug. 1904 Mac spent one month at the St. Louis Exposition where he took part in the pageant "Creation on the Pike"- playing the part of "Adam".

Mac and his second wife reside at 7564 Parkdale Ave., St. Louis, Mo. He is an optometrist and has an office in the Railway Exchange Bldg., 610 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

He has kindly furnished the following biographical sketch:-

"In 1911 I, McCoy Wilkinson, having finished High School, went to St Louis Mo to work for my Uncle, on Mothers side, John C. McCoy Jewelry Co. After a year or so Mr McCoy formed a partnership with Geo. L. Weber, and pioneered in the Time Payment Jewelry Sales. I decided to study Optometry and Graduated in March 1917. I taught Optometry, and while the School Owner went into the Red Cross in England, I took charge of the Optometry School, and sold my Optical business office in the McCoy-Weber Jewelry Store. I also took charge of the Glass Eye department of the Geneva Optical Co., and supplied Glass Eyes to Army Hospitals during the duration of the War as Geneva had all the Glass Eye in the United States cornered, and then they were being made only in Germany, and we had all the Eyes available, limited to service men.

"I had taken a business course in Shorthand and bookkeeping, and in April 1913 I spent my vacation at home as Father was ill. My Father suggested that I put my Shorthand to work, and make a record of our branch of the Wilkinson Family. To this day I have never seen anyone with such a marvelous memory for incidents and dates. He dictated for hours with the aid of notes or references entirely unnecessary. He was very fond of his former General Benjaman Harrison, and former President, who was running for a second term against Grover Cleveland in 1892. It took much longer then than now to decide who was the Winner, and it was not until Nov. 16th 1892 that the Democrats won with Grover Cleveland. Father was a strong Republican and campaigned hard for GAR Ben Harrison. The Democrats of Bainbridge celebrated as always with much noise, fire works, bell ringing, whistle blowing and to cap the Climax, they rolled a canon into the ally beween our house and the Catholic Church, fireing it with over load of powder, that shattered windows and caused my premature birth by several days, and my Mother was partially paralized and had trouble walking for two years afterwards."

19. ROSANNA (Mary², John¹), dau. of Cornelius and Mary (Wilkinson) Cook, m. Harrison Rhoades, May 16, 1859.

A biographical account of Rosanna and her husband Harrison Rhoades, taken from an 1887 "History of Shelby County, Indiana", follows:-

"Harrison Rhoades, a prominent citizen and native of Marion Township, was born October 4, 1828, being the eldest in a family of eight children born to Beaton and Sarah (Rhoades) Rhoades. They came to this county in February, 1821, from North Carolina. He was reared to manhood on the farm, remaining at home and assisting his parents until he attained the age of twenty-four years. In 1852, his marriage with Lucretia J. Whicker was solemnized; that union was of short duration as her death occurred February 14, 1853. May 16, 1859, his and Rosanna Cook's nuptials were celebrated, and to their union seven children were born: Balser', who married Rhoena Fisher; Mary J., now Mrs. Robert F. Hauck; Sarah C., wife of John W. Brown; Franklin, unmarried; Emma M., consort

of Jasper L. Whicker; Vira E., now Mrs. George W. Whicker and George C. T. Mr. Rhoades has always made farming his occupation and he has been quite successful. He now owns 152 acres of well improved land. In politics he has always been a Democrat. Mrs. Rhoades was born July 7, 1832; she was a daughter of Cornelius and Mary (Wilkinson) Cook, who were also among the early settlers of this county, remaining residents until their death."

Before ending up in Shelby Co., Cornelius and Mary Cook lived in at least 2 other counties in Ind. They appear in the 1820 census for Fayette Co. and in the 1830 and 1850 censuses for Shelby Co. On May 20, 1828, Cornelius purchased a parcel of land in Sec. 25, Twp. 18, Range 13, Wayne Co., from a William Cook and on Sept. 15, 1831 purchased another parcel of land in the same Sec. from the U.S. Government.

20. ALLEN (Margaret², John¹), son of Job and Margaret "Peggy" (Wilkinson) Huffman, was b. near Springdale, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1830. He m. Elizabeth Ann Waln, dau. of John and Martha (Wilkinson) Waln, in Greencastle, Ind., Feb. 1, 1855. She was b. in Leesburg, Ohio, Feb. 19, 1836. Allen and Elizabeth both d. near Springdale, Ohio - he on Sept. 6, 1904 and she on Apr. 30, 1922. Both are buried in the Springdale Presbyterian Cem. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves. Allen and Elizabeth were first cousins once removed. Elizabeth's mother was a niece of Allen's mother.

Issue:

- i Mary F., b. Sept. 7, 1858, d. Sept. 1941; m. John Scheerer in Springdale, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1893. No issue. Mary secured membership in the D.A.R. through her descent from John Wilkinson (1726-1806), the immigrant ancestor of this book. John Scheerer d. prior to 1930 and Mary prior to 1962 near Glendale, Ohio. Mary is buried in the Glendale Oak Hill Cem.
- ii John Walter, b. Sept. 26, 1860, d. Apr. 13, 1870.
- 36. iii Albert Gay, b. Dec. 17, 1862.
- 37. iv Edgar W., b. in Hamilton, Ohio, May 12, 1865.
- v Samuel Elmer, b. July 4, 1867, d. Sept. 25, 1867.
- vi Isaac Ellsworth, b. Dec. 31, 1868; m. Lulu Henry Knox in Columbus, Ohio, June 28, 1906. They lived in Oxford, Ohio. No issue.
- vii Charles Waln, b. July 18, 1871; m. Maude Merriman, in Syracuse, N.Y., Dec. 11, 1894. Both are buried in Lebanon, Tenn. No issue.
- viii Clarence Hendren, b. Jan. 10, 1874, d. Nov. 18, 1876.

(It is believed all 8 children were born at or near Springdale, Ohio. John, Samuel, and Clarence are buried in the Presbyterian Cem., Springdale, Ohio, and inscribed gravestones mark their graves.)

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21. WILLIAM W. (Margaret², John¹), son of Job and Margaret (Wilkinson) Huffman, was b. in 1836, a twin; m. Harriet Edwards. They lived in Piqua, Ohio. William d. Feb. 1, 1902.

Issue:

- i Margaret, m. a Mr. Kruse.
- 38. ii Benj.
- 39. iii Perry O.
- 40. iv Edith.
- 41. v Bertha.
- vi William Job, m. Emma _____. They lived
 in Toledo, Ohio.
- 42. vii Mary Rose Anna.
- 43. viii Alfred Warren.

22. MARY C. (Margaret², John¹), dau. of Job and Margaret (Wilkinson) Huffman, m. Isaac Hull. They lived in Hamilton, Ohio.

Issue:

- i Samuel Vance.
- ii Edward Evert.

23. ELIZABETH (Margaret², John¹), dau. of Job and Margaret (Wilkinson) Huffman, m. Joseph Williamson. They lived in Post Town, Ohio.

Issue:

- i Samuel.
- ii Mary C.
- 44. iii William H.
- 45. iv Grant.
- 46. v Gertrude.
- vi Agnes J.
- 47. vii Isaac.
- viii Harry.

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24. ELIZABETH ANN (Martha³, Elijah², John¹). Wife of Allen Huffman. See No. 20.

25. ELIJAH COOPER (Martha³, Elijah², John¹), son of John and Martha (Wilkinson) Waln, was b. in Highland Co., Ohio, Mar. 7, 1838. He m. (1) Mary R. Coffman, dau. of Nicholas and Lavina (Dicks) Coffman, in Putnam Co., Ind., Jan. 8, 1862; and m. (2) Rebecca J. Davis, Apr. 20, 1898. Elijah d. in Putnam Co., Mar. 10, 1926. Both of his wives also d. in Putnam Co. - Mary on Nov. 26, 1894 and Rebecca on Apr. 16, 1919. All 3 are buried in the Wesley Chapel Cem., 4 miles S.E. of Bainbridge, Ind. and inscribed gravestones mark their graves. There were 10 children by the first marriage - none by the second. Mary was b. Aug. 11, 1838 and Rebecca, Aug. 4, 1849.

Issue (1st Wife):

- i Samuel E., b. Nov. 14, 1862, d. Sept. 18, 1864.*
- ii John R., b. Oct. 4, 1866, d. Nov. 29, 1878.*
- iii Bessie, b. Oct. 1, 1868, d. Feb. 28, 1881.*
- iv Martha "Mattie" Louise, b. Apr. 8, 1870, m. Edwin J. Wilkinson, her second cousin, once removed. See account under his name.
- 48. v Marguerite B.
- vi Cline L. (female), b. July 26, 1873, d. Oct. 29, 1878.*
- vii Olive L.
- viii Mary, b. Sept. 3, 1875, d. Nov. 27, 1878.*
- ix Leonard J., b. June 30, 1877, d. Dec. 12, 1878.*
- x Grace, b. May 24, 1879, d. Aug. 18, 1881.*

* Buried in Wesley Chapel Cem. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves. Olive probably buried there too but no stone found. A tragic tale of the early days - little children's lives being snuffed out, probably, by a childhood epidemic - 4 of them in a 2-month period.

Elijah Cooper Waln enlisted in the Civil War July 28, 1862 and was assigned to Co. B, 78th Ind. Vol. Inf. Reg. After 60 days service he and his Co. were mustered out Oct. 2, 1862. He applied for a pension under the Act of May 1, 1920, which was rejected because he had served less than 90 days and because of the fact that his disability was not incurred in line of duty. In his application he claimed that he suffered from chronic rheumatism contracted while in service.

The following biographical sketch is from Weik's "History of Putnam Co., 1910":-

Elijah Cooper Waln

"Among the members of the older generations of farmers in Putnam Co., Ind., none occupy a higher standing in the community

than the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch. Long residence here has but served to strengthen the hold which he has enjoyed in the hearts of those who know him and now, in the golden sunset of his life, he is enjoying the rest which his former years of toil have so richly entitled him to.

"Elijah Cooper Waln is a native of the old Buckeye state, having first seen the light of day in Highland county, Ohio, on March 7, 1838. He is a son of John and Martha (Wilkinson) Waln. The father was a native of Virginia & was a pioneer settler in both Ohio and Indiana, coming to the latter state in 1830 (1839, comp.) and locating in Putnam Co., where he took up the pursuit of agriculture, in which he was engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred in August 1889; his wife died in August 1892. Politically he was a Whig and on the dissolution of that party he became a Republican to which party he gave an earnest support. His religious membership was with the Christian Church, in the various activities of which he took a prominent part. To John and Martha Waln were born the following children: Samuel, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, b. Feb. 19, 1836, who became the wife of Allen Huffman of Hamilton Co., Ohio; Elijah C. the subject of this sketch; Mary J. b. Jan. 23, 1852 is the wife of John S. Black and lives at Bainbridge, this county. ---- (paragraph on education omitted, Comp.).

"During the Civil war, Mr. Waln gave practical evidence of his patriotic spirit by enlisting in the 78th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served 60 days, his services consisting mainly of picket duty. He keeps alive his old army associations by membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to the post at Bainbridge of which he has served as junior commander. ---- (paragraph on politics omitted, Comp.)

"Mr. Waln has been married twice, first on January 8, 1862 to Mary R. Coffman, dau. of Nicholas and Lavina (Dicks) Coffman, natives of Kentucky. To this union have been born nine children, of whom seven are dead, namely; Samuel, Marguerite (widow of Joseph M. Case who died Apr. 17, 1906 leaving 2 daughters), Bessie, Mattie, Olive, Grace, John, Leonard, and Mary. The mother of these children, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, died Nov. 26, 1894, and on the 20th of April, 1898, Mr. Waln married Rebecca J. Davis of Hamilton Co., Ohio, there being no children by the last marriage. Mr. Waln's life has been characterized by high ideals, strict integrity, indomitable industry and amicable relations with all, being thus deserving of the respect and esteem which is universally accorded him throughout the community."

26. MARY J. "MOLLIE" (Martha³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of John and Martha (Wilkinson) Waln, was b. near Roachdale, Ind., Jan. 23, 1852. She m. John S. Black in Putnam Co., Ind., Apr. 18, 1870. They are both buried in the Wesley Chapel Cem., 4 miles S.E. of Bainbridge, Ind.

On Jan. 30, 1937, while living in Bainbridge, Ind., Mollie made a will which was proven in Putnam Co. Court, Jan. 20, 1938. Her assets were bequeathed to her 3 grandchildren, viz.: - "Mary L. Williams, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Margaret B. Anderson, Speedway City, Ind.; and John H. Black, of Indianapolis." Executor of the will was the Citizens Bank of Bainbridge and the witnesses were Charles McGauhey and Walter Masten.

Issue:

49. i Harvey Waln, b. in Bainbridge, May 13, 1874.
 50. ii John Elijah, b. in Bainbridge, Jan. 21, 1880.

27. ELIJAH H. (John³, Elijah², John¹), son of John and Mary Ann "Betsy" (Waln) Wilkinson, was b. in Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Ind. in 1840. He m. (1) Lydia Emma Shoemaker in Putnam Co., Jan. 18, 1866 and m. (2) Lydia Pursell, dau. of William and Zerelda E. (Moss) Pursell, in Putnam Co., June 15, 1884. His first wife was b. in Ind., Feb. 17, 1844, and his second wife was b. in Ind., Sept. 29, 1854. His first wife d. in Putnam Co., July 20, 1883 and is buried in the Wesley Chapel Cem., 4 miles S.E. of Bainbridge, Ind. An inscribed gravestone marks her grave. His second wife d. in Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 17, 1922. Elijah d. in Nickerson, Kans., Mar. 12, 1907. He and his second wife are buried in the Neola Cem., Neola, Kans. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves.

Issue (1st Wife):

51. i James Sherman, b. in Putnam Co., Ind., Dec. 27, 1874.

Issue (2nd Wife):

i Eddythe Opal, b. in Greencastle, Ind., Jan. 1, 1890, d. in North Hollywood, Calif., Mar. 13, 1959. She never m. The following information concerning her was kindly furnished by her nephew Forrest R. Wilkinson:- "She was a nurse, took care of many elderly people. She was with Dema (her sister) after she became ill and helped take care of her until a short time before she became ill herself. Eddythe spent much of her life helping others. Helped care for James (her brother) the last weeks of his illness. Liked to keep family records. I got part of my information from the records she left me before she passed away."

52. ii Ida Dema, b. in Greencastle, Ind., Mar. 28, 1891.

Elijah H. Wilkinson enlisted in the Civil War at Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 1, 1861. On Feb. 6, 1873 he applied for a pension for his Civil War services. In reporting on his case, the Adjutant General's office advised the Commissioner of Pension as follows:- "It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that Elijah H. Wilkenson was enrolled on the 1 day of Sep. 1861, at Indianapolis

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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

in Co. A, 27 Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve Three years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 12 day of Sep. 1861, at Indianapolis, in Co. A, 27 Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve Three years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. A, of that Regiment, for the months of July and August, 1962 he is reported missing in action Aug. 9 1862 'Sep. & Oct. 62 Present - Released Sep 13/62 May & June 63 Wounded & sent to Hosp'l at Washington City (No date - Co. was in action at place claimed May 3/63) July & Aug 63 'Present'. Reinlisted as a Vet. Vol. in said Co. Jan. 21/64 to serve 3 years Transf'd to Co. 'C' 70th Ind Vols. & promoted Corp said Co. Subsequently transf'd to Co. 'D'. 33rd Ind. Vols. & is reenlist'd in May & June 65 roll of said Co. as M.O. June 26/65 per order W.D. of May 18/65' (No Ind'l M/O/R in file)."

On Feb. 6, 1873 the county clerk of Putnam Co filed for Elijah a "Declaration for Invalid Army Pension". In the clerk's declaration he deposed as follows:- "(Elijah) while in the service, in line of his duty near a place called Chancellorsville, in the State of Virginia on the 3rd day of May, 1863, at the Battle of Chancellorsville, he was wounded, by Gun Shot in the Groin of the right leg - the Ball Still remaining - that he suffers considerable by reason of said Wound, and when he walks about much, he gives out in that leg - and is very sore. He further states that he made an application in the year of 1871. Some 2 years ago - and proof was made at that time - and no notice has ever been received of the receipt of said papers at the Department, and information from the Dpt. is that no such case is on file. My Discharge is with the papers that was forwarded at that time. He was in the Service as follows. After he was wounded, and 3 yrs. had expired he reinlisted as Veteran, and was transferred to the 70th Regt Ind Vols. then to the 33rd Regt. of Ind. Vols."

At the time of making this application Elijah's occupation was that of a farmer and he was residing at Fillmore, Ind.

On May 7, 1907 and again on Apr. 23, 1908 Elijah's wife Lydia made application for a Widow's Pension. At the time of her death, Dec. 17, 1922, she was receiving a pension of \$30.00 per month, and was residing at 17188 Berendo St., Los Angeles, Calif. She was buried in Turon, Kans. where her dau. Eddythe was living at the time. Eddythe signed the death certificate as "Eddythe Wilkinson" thus indicating a single status.

The following tribute to Elijah appeared in the "Greencastle (Ind.) Banner" newspaper, issue of Apr. 6, 1907:-

A Tribute

"To the Editor of the Banner. Will you kindly allow me space in the columns of your valuable paper to pay my tribute of respect to my late comrade, Elijah H. Wilkinson, who died at Nickerson, Kansas, March 12, 1907. Comrade Wilkinson was born

in Floyd Township, Putnam county, Indiana, in 1840, and was the son of John and Mary Ann Wilkerson. His grandfather, Elijah Wilkinson was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a prominent farmer, being one of the first settlers of Floyd Township.

"Comrade Wilkinson worked on his father's farm in Floyd Township, until August 7, 1861, when he enlisted in Capt. A. L. Morrison's company A, Twenty-seventh Indiana Infantry, for three years or during the war, and was honorably discharged by reason of the close of the war, at Louisville, Ky., July 4, 1865.

"He arrived in Washington, D. C. with the regiment, September 19, 1861, and was assigned to Gen. Bank's Division on the upper Potomac between Washington, D. C. and Harper's Ferry, where he remained until February, 1862, when the regiment took part in the memorable campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, between Gen. Banks and Gen. Stonewall Jackson. Comrade Wilkinson participated in the battle of Winchester, Va., May 25, 1862, and Cedar Mountain, Va., August 9, 1862. In this battle he was taken prisoner and was confined at Belle Isle prison until after the battle of Antietam, Md., September 17, 1862, when he was exchanged and joined the regiment. He took part in the campaign and battle of Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863, where he received a severe wound in the left groin, the ball imbedding itself near the hip joint, where it remained until his death.

"Before he recovered from this wound he joined the regiment which received orders with two other regiments of the brigade, the latter part of July, 1863, to proceed to New York City to put down the draft riot. After the affair the regiment joined its corps, the Twelfth, on the Rappahannock river, Va., where it remained until after the battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 19th and 20th, 1863, when the corps was ordered to join the Army of the Cumberland at Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Comrade Wilkinson was with Gen. Sherman's army in all the battles of the campaign in the spring and summer of 1864 from Chattanooga to Atlanta, Ga., and received a wound at Resaca, Ga., but remained with the regiment. After the fall at Atlanta, Sept. 1, 1864, the men of the regiment who had not reenlisted as veterans, about one-hundred of them, were mustered out of service by reason of the expiration of their term of three years, and on Nov. 4th, 1864, the supernumerary officers were mustered out and 170 veterans and recruits, with three commissioned officers were transferred to the 70th Indiana Infantry. Comrade Wilkinson was one of the veterans transferred, having enlisted the January previous for another three years or "during the war," and marched in the ranks of that regiment with Gen. Sherman to the sea, and from Savannah up through the Carolinas, participating in the battles of Aversboro and Bentonville, N. C., March 1865.

"After the rebels had laid down their arms Sherman's army continued its march in peace, on to Richmond and Washington. On the march to the last named city the veterans of the 27th Indiana encamped on the battlefields of Chancellorsville, just two years

to a day after they had been in battle there, where Comrade Wilkinson received the bullet that he carried in his body the remainder of his life. At Washington they participated in the Grand Review, where 200,000 veteran soldiers marched through the streets of the capital of their country, at the close of a four year's bloody war.

"In all the campaigns Comrade Wilkinson displayed the courage, endurance and enthusiasm, characteristic of the best type of the American soldier.

JOHN BRESNAHAN.
424 M. St., N. W., Washington, D. C."

The following account of Elijah's second marriage appeared in an 1884 newspaper (presumably a Greencastle, Ind. paper):-

Wedding - A Floyd township observer seeing E. H. Wilkerson (sic) on Saturday evening look out of a harness shop on the north side of the square in Greencastle with a six foot buggy whip, thought he meant business but later on, seeing his hack loaded at Weik and Co's store with many loaves of bread and other things to tedious to mention, that he concluded that a frost (feast) was in prospect. Sunday morning he drove with other parties to the bride's father, Mr. William Pursell where Rev. D. W. Risher duly solemnized the matrimonial bonds. They then formed in procession and moved to Wesley Chapel, the preacher leading the way. No accident of serious nature happened except the breaking of a ham string of the groom's carriage, causing him to get out and make repairs. After services a crowd volunteered to accompany the bride and groom to his residence, where a table was spread groaning under its mighty load of good things. After 48 persons had fared sumptuously there was still plenty to have fed another such crowd.

The following account of Lydia's parents is from the "1887 Biographical and Historical Record of Putnam County, Indiana":-

"William Pursell, one of the oldest living settlers residing in this locality, is a native of Bourbon County, Kentucky, where he was born July 1, 1815, son of Thomas and Melinda Pursell, natives of Virginia. His father was of English descent, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war, having settled in Kentucky previous to that war. In 1823 he removed with his family to Putnam County, Indiana, locating in Floyd Township, where he passed the remainder of his days. His death occurred about the year 1827. He was the father of five children, two of whom are living - William and Mary A. He was a public-spirited man, and ready to assist any enterprise that would benefit the community. Politically he affiliated with the Democratic party. William, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood in this county, and has been a life-long farmer. He was married October 6, 1836, to Miss Zerelda Moss, daughter of Israel Moss, an early settler of this county. To this union eight children have been born -

Elizabeth, who married Reuben Arnold; Sallie A., who became the wife of James Arnold; Melinda M., now Mrs. Joseph Butler; Frances, wife of William Arnold; Charles, William; Lydia, who married Elijah Wilkinson, and Emma, wife of George Gowin. William Pursell located upon his present farm, which is situated in the western portion of Marion Township, about twenty-seven years ago, and has resided there ever since. He owns 183 acres of excellent land all in a good state of cultivation. He is a self-made man, having acquired his property by hard labor and good management. He is a worthy and consistent member of the Christian Church, of which he has served as a deacon. Politically he is a Democrat, and has served creditably as school director. He was afflicted by the loss of his wife November 27, 1886. Among all the pioneers of Putnam County, no one is more highly esteemed than is Mr. Pursell."

28. ELIZABETH ANNA (David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson, was b. in Putnam Co., Ind., Jan. 7, 1854. She m. William Harrison Orr, in Wapello Co., Iowa, May 16, 1878. She and her husband d. in Chicago, Ill.--she on May 8, 1906. She is buried in Arlington Cem., Elmhurst, Ill. and her grave is marked with a gravestone. Elizabeth is said to have worked with Jane Adams at Hull House in Chicago.

Issue:

- 53. i George Franklin, b. in Ottumwa, Iowa,
Dec. 24, 1878.
- ii Sadie, b. ca 1880, d. at ca 8 years of age.
- 54. iii Julia Marietta, b. in Chicago, May 12,
1882.
- 55. iv Elijah Harrison, b. in Chicago, Sept. 30,
1884.
- 56. v Linnie Aurora, b. in Chicago, Nov. 1886.
- 57. vi William Randolph, b. in Chicago, 1892.

29. JOSEPHINE (David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson, was b. in Putnam Co., Ind., Oct. 14, 1856. She m. Francis "Frank" M. Larew, son of William and S. (Daugherty) Larew, in Wapello Co., Iowa, Apr. 13, 1881. He was b. in Ind., ca 1859. No further information has been found concerning this couple except that they moved to Calif. and had a dau., Maude.

Issue:

- 58. i Maude

30. ELIJAH EMERY (David³, Elijah², John¹), son of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson, was b. in Greencastle, Ind., Nov. 23, 1858. He m. Ludia Vean Garnett, near Murdock, Kans., Sept. 23, 1886. She was born in Osawatomie, Kans., Aug. 23, 1871. Elijah and Ludia d. in Kingman Co., Kans.--he on Apr. 30, 1917 and she on Sept. 16, 1908 and both are buried there in the Varner Cem. Graves mark their graves.

Issue:

- i Emery Harrison, b. near Varner, Kans., May 3,
1887.

- ii Wanda Corine, b. near Varner, Kans., July 22, 1894. She m. Harry George Seifert, in Pretty Prairie, Kans., June 12, 1918. He was b. in Pretty Prairie, Kans., Sept. 7, 1893. Wanda and Harry reside (1970) in Pretty Prairie, P. O. Box 285. No children.
- iii Eldon Wilbur, b. near Varner, Kans., Mar. 20, 1907. He m. Juanita Mae Manjeot in Spivey, Kans., Aug. 29, 1949. She was b. in Spivey, May 18, 1919. They reside (1970) on R. R. 2, Kingman, Kansas. Eldon has one stepchild but no children of his own. His wife operates the Dixie Lee Beauty Shop in Kingman.

The following obituary of Emery Harrison Wilkinson appeared in a Kingman, Kans. newspaper. He never married:--

Emery Wilkinson Dies

"Emery Wilkinson, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Wilkinson of near Varner, died September 9 and was buried in Lebanon Cemetery the following Monday, September 11. He was born May 3, 1887, near Belmont and had spent all his life in this county. He had been ill for some time and died in a hospital in Hutchison. He was of a genial disposition and had many friends. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harry Seifert, and a brother, Eldon Wilkinson, who is a signalman, first class, and is stationed at Grosse Ile, Mich. He was given leave to attend his brother's funeral."

31. JEHU HARRISON (David³, Elijah², John¹), son of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson, was b. in Greencastle, Ind., Oct. 16, 1860. He m. Georgia B. Hendrixson, dau. of Isaac and M. E. (Van Cleave) Hendrixson, in Blakesburg, Iowa, Nov. 9, 1892. She was b. in Blakesburg, Iowa, Dec. 4, 1873. Jehu and Georgia d. in Kingman Co., Kans.--he on Aug. 8, 1927 and she on Jan. 18, 1953, and both are buried in Walnut Hill Cem., Kingman, Kans. Gravestones mark their graves.

Jehu, or "Jake" or "John" as he was called, when a young man carried the Pony Express mail from Ottumwa to Blakesburg, Iowa. He was a prosperous Kingman Co. farmer.

Issue:

59. i Xellis Henry, b. in Ottumwa, Iowa, Apr. 18, 1894.

32. MARY CATHERINE (David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson, was b. in Wapello Co., Iowa, May 16, 1863. She m. Charles Marion Fowler, son of Henry and Nancy A. (Russell) Fowler, at the home of her brother, Elijah, near Murdock, Kans., Oct. 10, 1887. Charles was b. in Knox Co., Ill., Feb. 14, 1864. Mary and Charles d. in Kingman, Kans.--she on June 26, 1937 and he on Jan. 13, 1942 and both are buried there in Walnut Hill Cem. Gravestones mark their graves.

They belonged to the Methodist Church. He was a Mason and Knight Templar and she belonged to the Eastern Star. He was a city commissioner in Kingman for many years. His dau. Nannie writes that:--"He installed the city water works system, made the city park a beautiful place with addition of flower urns which he made and donated. He always had his own business, had the grain and feed store with the big grain elevator at his death, owned and operated an apartment house of 27 apartments known as 'Fowler Apartments'." Charles Fowler's father, Henry, served in Co. B. 19th Ia. Vol. Inf., in the Civil War.

Issue:

- 60. i Nannie Amazetta, b. near Murdock, Kans. Oct. 6, 1888.
- 61. ii Getha Mae, b. in Kingman, Kans., May 12, 1890.
- iii Sadie Maurine, b. in Kingman, Kans., Aug. 28, 1898.

Sadie Maurine m. Claude Emerson Jurney, in Hilo, Hawaii, July 14, 1936. He was b. in Waco, Texas, Nov. 19, 1905. Claude d. in Kingman, Kans., Apr. 3, 1955 and is buried there in Walnut Hill Cem. A gravestone marks his grave. Sadie resides (1970) at 242 Ave. A., West Kingman, Kans. She has no children.

Her sister Nannie writes: "Sadie taught country schools, later was Physical Education director in the Kingman High School, Kingman, Kansas. Went to Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., was in Physical Therapy Department, from there she was sent to Hawaii and worked in the government hospital. She married Claude Emerson Jurney, a West Point graduate. He was stationed there, title was Captain. Sadie and Claude were on their second trip to Hawaii when World War II was declared, they lived at Schofield Barracks. Claude served in the Islands south of Hawaii to Australia. He was decorated with many medals. His title was Colonel when he was discharged, and because of a heart condition, he retired. After returning home he entered Washburn Law School at Topeka, Kansas, graduated and was practising law at the time of his death in Kingman, Kansas."

Sadie was instrumental in getting the Kingman County Museum located in the old city hall. She is presently (1970) overseeing the exhibits in the museum and writes a column, "Museum Notes", for the Kingman newspaper, "The Leader Courier".

33. IDA MAY (David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson, was b. in Wapello Co., Iowa, Feb. 12, 1866. She m. Charles Morris, son of Robinson Morris, on Sept. 15, 1885. He was b. in Sullivan Co., Mo., Jan. 11, 1855. Ida and Charles d. in Green City, Mo.,--she on Oct. 14, 1941 and he on May 18, 1940 and both are buried there in Mt. Zion Cem. Gravestones mark their graves. Ida at one time owned her father's family bible, which has disappeared since her death.

Issue:

62. i Nova C., b. Dec. 23, 1886.
 ii Elba D., b. Feb. 14, 1890.
 63. iii Glen R., b. Dec. 12, 1891.
 64. iv Elmer Earl, b. July 26, 1896.
 (All four children b. near Owasco, Mo.)

Elba D. m. Belva Linhart, dau. of Will and Eva Linhart, in Milan, Mo., Jan. 1, 1914. She was b. near Owasco, Mo., Mar. 30, 1895. Elba d. near Owasco, Mo., July 15, 1953 and is buried in Mt. Zion Cem. A gravestone marks his grave. No issue.

34. MATTIE LEORA (David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson, was b. in Wapello Co., Iowa, Mar. 10, 1868. She m. Allen Conner, son of James Fredric and Mary Elizabeth (Morris) Conner, in Owasco, Mo., Jan 20, 1895. Mary Elizabeth was a sister to Charles Morris who married Mattie's sister, Ida May. Allen d. in Kirksville, Mo., Jan. 12, 1917 and Mattie in Lyle, Mo., July 1943 and both are buried in Kirksville, Mo. Gravestones mark their graves. Allen was b. near Kirksville, Mo., June 2, 1866.

Issue:

65. i James F., b. Dec. 4, 1895.
 ii John Morris, b. Sept. 20, 1897.
 iii Charlie Allen, b. Oct. 27, 1899. Never Married.
 iv Edith Amazetta, b. Dec. 5, 1902.
 (All four children b. in Kirksville, Mo.)

James F. m. Luella May Rice, dau. of Edward Albert and Nellie (Jenning) Rice, in Kirksville, Mo., Oct. 6, 1926. She was b. in Kirksville, Mo., Nov. 9, 1899. They reside (1970) in Raytown, Mo. Luella is an osteopathic doctor. They have one child, an adopted dau., Mary Ann, b. Sept. 11, 1939.

Edith Amazetta m. David Mikel, son of Levender L. and Susie (Miller) Mikel, in Kirksville, Mo., Apr. 9, 1930. He was b. in Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 7, 1896. No issue.

35. ARMANIOUS A. (David³, Elijah², John¹), son of David Hixson and Amazetta (Day) Wilkinson, was b. in Wapello Co., Iowa, June 7, 1871. He m. Bertha F. Rush, dau. of James A. and Eliza (McAllister) Rush, in Wapello Co., Iowa, Sept. 27, 1892. She was b. in Wapello Co., Aug. 15, 1871. Armanious and Bertha d. in Wapello Co.--he on June 15, 1933 and she in Oct., 1937. Both are buried in Shawl Cem., Ottumwa, Iowa. Gravestones mark their graves.

Armanious' second given name apparently was "Albert" as he was affectionately known as "Bert". He died intestate. The assets of his estate; including 80 acres of land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot 12, Blk. 71, Range 15; were distributed to his wife and 3 children. Bertha made a will on Sept. 9, 1936 making bequests to her 3 children.

Issue:

- i Edith, b. in Wapello Co., Mar. 28, 1894, d. there Oct. 16, 1958, buried in Shawl Cem. Never married. She d. interstate leaving as sole heir her sister Laura.
- ii Lee, b. in Wapello Co., May 21, 1897.
- iii Laura E., b. in Wapello Co., Sept. 4, 1900.

Lee m. Allene Honaker, dau. of T. L. Honaker, in Blakesburg, Iowa, Oct. 21, 1918. She was b. in Ohio, July 25, 1898. Lee d. in Browning, Mo., Dec. 2, 1952 and is buried in Shawl Cem. A gravestone marks his grave. He had no children. His widow resides (1970) on R. R. 1, Browning, Mo.

Laura E. m. Oscar Arnold, son of Jacob and Lucy (Baker) Arnold, in Ottumwa, Iowa, Sept. 27, 1928. He was b. near Blakesburg, Iowa, Jan. 16, 1887, in a country home where he spent his entire life. He was previously married to Jeanette Neete, dau. of Charley Neete, by whom he had a son Glenn. No children by the second marriage. Jeanette was b. June 9, 1892. Oscar d. in the Ottumwa Hospital and Jeanette at their country home--he on July 28, 1970 and she on June 16, 1924. Gravestones mark their graves in Shawl Cem., Ottumwa, Iowa. Laura resides (1970) at the country home, R. R. 1, Blakesburg, Iowa. Nearby lives her stepson, Glenn, who was born in the country home, Mar. 4, 1914.

36. ALBERT GAY (Allen³, Margaret², John¹), son of Allen and Elizabeth Ann (Waln) Huffman, was b. Dec. 17, 1862. He m. Tina Merriman in Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1891. Albert was a doctor of medicine. He is buried in Oak Hill Cem., Glendale, Ohio. Tina was b. in Syracuse, N. Y.

Issue:

- i Howard H., d. in infancy.
- ii Emma Elizabeth, m. William E. Fisk. No issue.

The following obituaries of Emma and her husband are from the July 11, 1966 and June 14, 1961 issues, respectively, of the "Crawfordsville (Ind.) Journal Review" newspaper:--

Mrs. Fisk, 68, of Shannondale, Dies

"Mrs. Emma Elizabeth 'Huffman' Fisk, 68, of Shannondale, died Saturday night in the Maplevue Home in Crawfordsville.

"A daughter of Dr. Albert and Tina Merriman Huffman, she was born Nov. 8, 1897 at Elmwood Place, Ohio. She married William E. Fisk on Jan. 25, 1924 at Plymouth, Indiana. He died June 12, 1961. The only immediate survivors are two cousins, Lillard Huffman of R 3, Crawfordsville and Gladys Huffman of Crawfordsville.

"Mrs. Fisk was a 1915 graduate of Crawfordsville High School.

She attended Glendale (Ohio) College and Littleford School of Cincinnati. During World War II she lived in Lebanon. In recent years she resided at Shannondale.

"Funeral rites are set for 7:30 P.M. at Russell and Fitch Funeral Home in Lebanon, where friends may call, and burial will follow Tuesday, at Glendale, Ohio. Rev. William E. Thompson of the Shannondale Presbyterian Church will officiate at the services."

Wm. E. Fisk Dies in Hospital

"William E. Fisk, 67, a resident of Shannondale since 1954, died Monday night in the West 10th, Veterans Hospital at Indianapolis. He had been a patient in the hospital since Sunday.

"Born Aug. 22, 1893 in Ridge Farm, Illinois, Mr. Fisk was the son of James and Laura Driskell Fisk. He married Emma Elizabeth Huffman Jan. 25, 1924 in Plymouth.

"A veteran of World War I, Mr. Fisk served 15 years in the U.S. Army. He worked 13 years at the Stewart-Warner Co. in Lebanon. Before moving to the present home in Shannondale, Mr. Fisk lived in Dover and Lebanon.

"Survivors include the widow.

"Masonic rites will be held at the Russell and Fitch Funeral Home in Lebanon at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday by the Lebanon Masonic Lodge of which Mr. Fisk was a member. Burial will be Thursday at Oak Hill Cemetery at Glendale, Ohio.

"Friends may call at the funeral home."

Emma d. of cancer of the breast. A Mrs. Kell Steele, Rt. 1, Crawfordsville, Ind. helped care for her until she was taken to a nursing home. Emma left her property to Mrs. Steele and to her cousin, Lillard Huffman.

37. EDGAR W. (Allen³, Margaret², John¹), son of Allen and Elizabeth Ann (Waln) Huffman, was b. in Hamilton Co., Ohio, May 12, 1865. He m. Myrtle G. Allen in Bainbridge, Ind., Nov. 23, 1887. She was b. in Bainbridge in 1866. Edgar and Myrtle d. in Crawfordsville, Ind.--he in 1928 and she in 1946. Both are buried there in the Oak Hill Cem. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves.

Issue:

66. i Walter Clarence, b. near Springdale, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1891.
- ii Gladys, b. near Springdale, Ohio in 1892; d. in Crawfordsville in 1967 and buried there in the Oak Hill Cem. Never married.
- iii Lillard Allen, b. in Springdale, Ohio. He was married twice. His first wife was Alma Snyder whom he m. in Feb., 1916. Lillard d. in Crawfordsville in 1969. His second

wife (name unknown) resides there. No children by either marriage.

38. BENJ. (William³, Margaret², John¹), son of William W. and Harriet (Edwards) Huffman, m. Etta V. Francis.

Issue:

- i Fern H.
- ii Francis W.
- iii William H.
- iv Gaylord H.
- v Alvin T.
- vi Cletus M.

39. PERRY O. (William³, Margaret², John¹), son of William W. and Harriet (Edwards) Huffman, m. Florence _____. They lived in Sabula, Iowa.

Issue:

- i Rex.
- ii Roy.
- iii Clarence.

40. EDITH (William³, Margaret², John¹), dau. of William W. and Harriet (Edwards) Huffman, m. Charles Foster. They lived in Piqua, Ohio.

Issue:

- i Evylin.

41. BERTHA (William³, Margaret², John¹), dau. of William and Harriet (Edwards) Huffman, m. Elsworth Frances. They lived in Troy, Ohio.

Issue:

- i Etta.
- ii Silvia.
- iii Maud.
- iv Marion.
- v Marvin.
- vi Harriet.

42. MARY ROSE ANNA (William³, Margaret², John¹), dau. of William and Harriet (Edwards) Huffman, m. George M. Wyatt. They lived in Piqua, Ohio.

Issue:

- i Mae.

43. ALFRED WARREN (William³, Margaret², John¹), son of William and Harriet (Edwards) Huffman, m. but the name of his wife has not been determined.

Issue:

i Leah.

44. WILLIAM H. (Elizabeth³, Margaret², John¹), son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Huffman) Williamson, m. Bessie _____. They lived in Gentry, Benton Co., Ark.

Issue:

i Ruth.
ii Fred.

45. GRANT (Elizabeth³, Margaret², John¹), son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Huffman) Williamson, m. Alice _____.

Issue:

i Reba.

46. GERTRUDE (Elizabeth³, Margaret², John¹), dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Huffman) Williamson, m. Alfred Wagoner. They lived in Franklin, Ohio.

Issue:

i Ralph.
ii Ruth.
iii Emma.

47. ISAAC (Elizabeth³, Margaret², John¹), son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Huffman) Williamson, m. Anna _____. They lived in Oxford, Ohio.

Issue:

i Ruby.
ii Elizabeth.

CHAPTER V

Generation 5

48. MARGUERITE B. "MAGGIE" (Elijah⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Elijah Cooper and Mary R. (Coffman) Waln, m. Joseph M. Case in Putnam Co., Ind., June 17, 1894. Joseph d. in Floyd Twp., Putnam Co., Apr. 17, 1906.

Issue:

- i Mary Louise, b. Nov. 17, 1897; d. Nov. 15, 1952. Never married. Buried New Maysville, Ind. Cem.
- ii Frances Josephine, b. in Greencastle, Ind., Aug. 10, 1900; d. in Lebanon, Ind., May 18, 1966. She m. Wm. Hoover who d. Mar. 9, 1949 and is buried in the New Maysville, Ind. Cem.

The following obituary of Frances is from the "Lebanon (Ind.) Reporter" newspaper, issue of Thurs., May 19, 1966:--

Frances Hoover, 65 Claimed by Illness

"One of Lebanon's most lovable residents, Mrs. Frances C. (sic) Hoover, passed away Wednesday afternoon at Witham Hospital. She had been transferred here Monday evening from the Robert Long Hospital in Indianapolis where she had been a patient for three weeks following surgery.

"Mrs. Hoover, who was 65 years old, had made her home in Lebanon for many years, presently at 514 North Lebanon Street. She had worked in various places, been very active in church work and had a host of friends and acquaintances. She was particularly fond of children and had helped many, serving as a mother to a few, including two boys reared in the Hoover home, and was a popular baby sitter in various Lebanon homes. Her services to her fellowman and her interests in the community had touched the lives of many, who admired and respected her and her cheerful and kind nature. Formerly she was a member of the Central Christian church and active in its Fellowship Circle and Whatsoever Class, attended Sunday School regularly and took part in the Federation of Church Women. She also had served on the music committee of the church and willingly assisted in the office.

"She was a native of Putnam County, born in Greencastle August 10, 1900. She was graduated from Bainbridge high school in 1918 and had a music certificate for teaching from DePauw University, where she worked three years before coming to Lebanon. She was with Honan-Crane six years prior to starting work part-time in 1953 at Witham. She became a full-time employe in 1954, working until recently when she became ill.

"There are no surviving relatives.

"Her maiden name was Case and her sister, Mary Case, was a

well known social worker in Boone county. Her husband, also preceded her in death.

"At her request, her body has been given to the Indiana University Medical School and her eyes to the Eye Bank. Following her wishes, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul at 7 p.m. today at St. Joseph's Catholic Church."

49. HARVEY WALN (Mary⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹), son of John S. and Mary J. (Waln) Black, was b. in Bainbridge, Ind., May 13, 1874. He m. Ina Edwards, dau. of James Uzal and Elizabeth Anne (Hale) Edwards, in Illinois. Ina was previously m. to Christopher Hartman and had one child by him, Gladys. Gladys m. John L. Scott of Marion, Ind. She d. at about age of 30 and is buried in Bainbridge, Ind. She had 3 children, William, Richard, and Elizabeth Ann. Elizabeth Ann Scott m. Robert Woempner and they reside in Indianapolis, Ind.

Harvey d. in Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 21, 1933 and is buried in Bainbridge, Ind. An inscribed gravestone marks his grave. In 1968 Ina, still living at the age of 92, was residing in the Indiana Masonic Home Hospital, Franklin, Ind. She was b. in Carpentersville, Ind., Dec. 31, 1876.

Issue (Children of Harvey and Ina Black):

- i Morris, d. at age of 2. Buried Bainbridge Cem.
- 67. ii Margaret, b. in Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 4, 1908.
- 68. iii John Harvey, b. in Indianapolis, Ind., June 28, 1914.

50. JOHN ELIJAH (Mary⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹), son of John S. and Mary J. (Waln) Black, was b. in Bainbridge, Ind., Jan. 21, 1880. He m. Cora Prather, in Putnam Co., Ind., July 20, 1904. John d. Dec. 29, 1919 and is buried in the Bainbridge Cem.

Issue:

- i Mary Lucy, b. 1906; m. (1) _____ Williams and m. (2) Paul J. Duncan. She and Paul reside in Willcox, Ariz., Dos Cabezos Star Rt. No issue by either marriage.

A newspaper obituary of John follows (Name of paper now known):--

OBITUARY

"John Elijah Black, youngest son of John and Mary Black was born in Bainbridge, Indiana, January 21, 1880. He married Cora Prather, on July 20, 1904. To this union was born one child Mary Lucy, age 13.

"He was a good son and good husband and a loving father. He was a true friend and his sunny disposition won him many friends. Beside the wife and daughter and father and mother he leaves his brother Harvey Waln Black and his sister (sister-in-law, Comp.),

Ina Black, two nieces Margaret Waln Black and Gladys E. Hartman and a nephew John Harvey Black. He died December 29th at the age of 39 years, 11 months and 24 days.

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea

"Funeral at home of Mr. John E. Black in charge of Rev. C. C. Griggs of Roachdale."

51. JAMES SHERMAN (Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), son of Elijah H. and Lydia Emma (Shoemaker) Wilkinson, was b. in Putnam Co., Ind., Dec. 27, 1874. He m. Clara Kate Wagner, dau. of Lewis W. and Katherine (Kohs) Wagner, in Turon or Haviland, Kans., Aug. 25, 1897. She was b. in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18, 1875. James and Clara d. in Monte Vista, Colo.--he on Nov. 24, 1944 and she on May 20, 1952. Both are buried in the Monte Vista Cem. Inscribed gravestones mark their graves. Clara's parents are buried in the Neola, Kans. Cem., which cem. borders the farm they once owned and the farm James and Clara once owned. The graves of Clara's parents are marked with inscribed gravestones.

James S. Wilkinson was a farmer and stockman in Reno Co., Kans. until Mar. 1909 when he moved to the San Luis Valley near Monte Vista, Colo. where he continued farming and stock raising until retirement.

Issue:

69. i Forrest Roscoe, b. Turon, Kans., July 7, 1898.
70. ii Gladys Velma, b. Turon, Kans., Sept. 25, 1904.

52. IDA DEMA (Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Elijah H. and Lydia (Pursell) Wilkinson, was b. in Greencastle, Ind., Mar. 28, 1891. She m. Lester Bruce Miller, son of Robert Bruce and Anna G. (Peterson) Miller, in Hutchinson, Kans., June 23, 1915. He was b. in Clifton, Kans., Jan. 5, 1894. They both d. in North Hollywood, Calif.--she on Apr. 26, 1969 and he on Aug. 28, 1965. Both are buried there in Valhalla Memorial Park. Flush bronze markers mark their graves. Lester was a civil service employee in Los Angeles, Calif.

Issue:

71. i Richard E., b. in Chanute, Kans., Sept. 10, 1917.

53. GEORGE FRANKLIN (Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of William Harrison and Elizabeth Anna (Wilkinson) Orr, was b. in Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 24, 1878. He m. Gertrude (Bender) Becker, dau. of Daniel Richard and Mary "Polly" (Walker) Bender, in Chicago, Ill., June 5, 1903. She was b. in Chicago, Mar. 28, 1878. George and Gertrude d. in Iron Mt., Mich.--he on Dec. 16, 1967 and she in Apr., 1940 and both are buried in Arlington Cem., Elmhurst, Ill. Gravestones mark their graves. Daniel Richard Bender served in the Civil War, New York Vols.

Issue:

- i Daniel Richard, b. in Chicago, Apr. 15, 1904.
He m. Virginia Barbara Gross, in Millburn, Ill., Oct. 19, 1963. She was b. in Chicago, Nov. 8, 1919. No issue. They reside (1970) at 901 Hempton Court, McHenry, Ill.
- ii George, b. in Chicago in 1908, d. in Chicago in 1910, buried Arlington Cem., Elmhurst, Ill.

54. JULIA MARIETTA (Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of William Harrison and Elizabeth Anna (Wilkinson) Orr, was b. in Chicago, Ill., May 12, 1882. She m. Herbert Elmer Taylor, son of George A and Ella A. (Earle) Taylor, in Chicago, May 9, 1908. He was b. in Sheboygan Falls, Wisc., Jan. 16, 1874. Julia d. in Oak Park, Ill., Nov. 22, 1930 and Herbert in Chicago, Jan 13, 1956. Both are buried in Arlington Cem., Elmhurst, Ill. Gravestones mark their graves.

Issue:

- 72. i Herbert George, b. in Chicago, Oct. 21, 1910.
- 73. ii Dorothy Gertrude, b. in Chicago, Apr. 15, 1912.

55. ELIJAH HARRISON (Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of William Harrison and Elizabeth Anna (Wilkinson) Orr, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 30, 1884. He m. Gertrude May Lehmann, dau. of Fred and Bertha (Ludwig) Lehmann, in Hammond, Ind., Apr. 26, 1904. She was b. in Chicago, June 30, 1884. Elijah d. in Chicago, July 26, 1931 and is buried in Arlington Cem., Elmhurst, Ill. A gravestone marks his grave.

Issue:

- 74. i Fred Elijah, b. in Chicago, June 6, 1907.
- ii Ethel Winifred, b. in Chicago, May 6, 1916.
She m. John Joseph Redmond, Sept. 12, 1947.
He d. in Chicago, Mar. 16, 1962. No children.
Ethel and her mother reside (1970) at 7546 N. Waukegan Rd., Niles, Ill.

56. LINNIE AURORA (Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of William Harrison and Elizabeth Anna (Wilkinson) Orr, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 19, 1887. She m. James Whammond, son of James and Elizabeth (Chalmers) Whammond, in Third Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill., June 10, 1906. He was b. in Dundee, Scotland, Aug. 1, 1882. Linnie and James d. in Chicago, Ill.--she on Nov. 15, 1952 and he on Apr. 9, 1958. Both are buried in Arlington Cem., Elmhurst, Ill. Gravestones mark their graves.

Their dau., June Henderson, writes: "James Whammond was an industrial engineer, Chicago, Ill. He worked there until his retirement at age sixty-five. He was a long time elder at the 2nd Presbyterian Church, Oak Park, Ill. He was a Mason but not a very active one. Retired for a number of years in Clearwater, Fla. until 1953.

"There is a discrepancy between the spelling of the family name. James Whammond came to this country as a small child. When his mother was entering him in school, the teacher said it would be easier to pronounce and spell if an additional 'm' was added to the name. It was originally spelled WHAMOND. My father never did change his name but all of the children had their names changed to the original spelling."

Issue:

- 75. i Howard Orr, b. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14, 1909.
- 76. ii Wilbur Orr, b. in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26, 1912.
- 77. iii June Elizabeth, b. in Chicago, Ill., June 4, 1919.
- iv James Paul, b. in Chicago, Ill., Apr. 9, 1930.
Died at Paw Paw Lake, Mich., Aug. 17, 1932,
of a broken neck suffered in a lake accident.

57. WILLIAM RANDOLPH (Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of William Harrison and Elizabeth Anna (Wilkinson) Orr, was b. in Chicago, Ill. in 1892. He m. Anna Bender, dau. of Daniel Richard and Mary "Polly" (Walker) Bender, ca 1915. William's brother George m. Anna's sister, Gertrude Bender.

Issue:

- 78. i Gertrude, b. Nov. 1917.

58. MAUDE (Josephine⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), was the dau. of Francis M. and Josephine (Wilkinson) Larew. She m. Jimmy Green. They divorced after which she remarried several times and lived in Calif. She had at least one child, a son, by her first marriage.

Issue:

- i Jimmy.

59. XELLIS HENRY (Jehu⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Jehu Harrison and Georgia B. (Hendrixson) Wilkinson, was b. in Ottumwa, Iowa, Apr. 18, 1894. He m. Lucille (Keezer) Carson. She was b. in Portsmouth, Ohio, Aug. 28, 1898. He d. in Wichita, Kans., Jan. 24, 1969 and is buried there. His widow resides (1970) at 2434 Benjamin Dr., Wichita, Kans.

Issue:

- 79. i Patricia May, b. in Wewoka, Okl., Mar. 25, 1928.
- 80. ii Lucille Carolyn, b. in Enid, Okl., Oct. 1, 1931.

60. NANNIE AMAZETTA (Mary⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Charles Marion and Mary Catherine (Wilkinson) Fowler, was b. near Murdock, Kans., Oct. 6, 1888. She m. George Otis Miles, son of Franklin Thomas and Lidella Melissa Miles, in Kingman, Kans., June 13, 1912. He was b. in Solon, Iowa, Sept. 16, 1887. They reside (1970) at 4125 Ammons, Wheat Ridge, Colo.

George retired from the Mountain States Telephone Co. in 1948. He is Past Master of his Masonic Lodge and a Knight Templar. Nannie attended the Univ. of Colo., taught schools in Kingman Co., Kans. and in the city of Kingman. She is active in club and church work and is an ex-Regent of the D. A. R.

Issue:

81. i Gwendolyn Mae, b. in Denver, Colo., May 5, 1913.
 ii Mary Catherine, b. in Kingman, Kans., May 5, 1915. Died at the age of 12.
 82. iii Frances Charlotte, b. in Denver, Colo., Nov. 21, 1918.

61. GETHA MAE (Mary⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Charles Marion and Mary Catherine (Wilkinson) Fowler, was b. in Kingman, Kans., May 12, 1890. She m. August Frederick Degener, son of Frederick Heinrich and Carolina Eleanor (Whomberg) Degener, in Lodi, Calif., May 20, 1915. He was b. in Schessinghauser, Ger., Dec. 21, 1880. Getha and August d. in Lodi, Calif.,--she on Sept. 13, 1969 and he on May 4, 1954 and both are buried there in the Lodi Mausoleum. There are no gravestones. August was a very prosperous farmer and owned a 57-acre ranch at the edge of Lodi, Calif.

Issue:

83. i Caroline Catherine, b. in Lodi, Calif., June 8, 1920.

62. NOVA C. (Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹) son of Charles and Ida May (Wilkinson) Morris, was b. near Owasco, Mo., Dec. 23, 1886. He m. Mary Caroline "Carrie" Opel, dau. of John N. and Pheobe Ann (Sloan) Opel, near Milan, Mo., Aug. 9, 1911. She was b. near Milan, Mo., Jan. 28, 1886. Nova d. near Milan, Mo., Nov. 28, 1939 and is buried in Mt. Zion Cem. A gravestone marks his grave. Carrie resides (1970) at 420 E. 4th St., Milan, Mo.

Issue:

- i Arthur C., b. near Milan, Mo., Aug. 13, 1917. He was crippled from a broken back received in an accident about 1940. In the summer of 1970 he spent 6 weeks in the hospital and is not able to work. He was married and divorced but had no children.

63. GLEN R. (Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Charles and Ida May (Wilkinson) Morris, was b. near Owasco, Mo., Dec. 12, 1891. He m. (1) Mabel Ward, dau. of Henry and Amanda Ward, on Nov. 20, 1909 and m (2) Beulah Downen on Aug. 8, 1921. Glen and Mabel divorced after which she went to Quincy, Ill. with her 2 sons. Beulah was b. on May 14, 1902. Glen d. in Calif., Mar. 19, 1947 and is buried in Green City, Mo. A gravestone marks

his grave. Mabel m. (2) Walter Wachter and in 1962 was living in Quincy, Ill.

Children of Glen R. and Mabel (Ward) Morris:

- 84. i E. Wayne, b. in Green City, Mo., Aug. 21, 1910.
- 85. ii Jerome Robert, b. near Owasco, Mo., July 24, 1912.

Children of Glen R. and Beulah (Downen) Morris:

- 86. i Kenneth Ray, b. Jan. 31, 1925.
- 87. ii Ronald Gene, b. June 15, 1931.
- 88. iii Patricia Joyce, b. May 20, 1935.

64. ELMER EARL (Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Charles and Ida May (Wilkinson) Morris, was b. near Owasco, Mo., July 26, 1896. He m. Hazel Downen, dau. of Pat and Lurie Downen, in Milan, Mo., Nov. 24, 1917. She was b. in Owasco, Mo., Sept. 9, 1899. Elmer d. in Ft. Riley, Kans. of the influenza while in training for W. W. I, on Oct. 18, 1918 and is buried in Mt. Zion Cem., Sullivan Co., Mo. A gravestone marks his grave.

Issue:

- i Elmer Earl, b. in Green City, Mo., Apr. 1, 1919.

65. JOHN MORRIS (Mattie⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Allen and Mattie Leora (Wilkinson) Conner, was b. in Kirksville, Mo., Sept. 20, 1897. He m. Margaret Christell Jacobs, dau. of Clifford Grandville and Margaret Bena (Daum) Jacobs, in Green Castle, Mo., Oct. 21, 1924. She was b. in Kirksville, Mo., Mar. 2, 1903. John and Margaret reside (1970) at 1507 E. Jefferson St., Kirksville, Mo.

Issue:

- 89. i Barbara Ann, b. in Kirksville, Mo., May 26, 1926.
- ii Carroll Lee, b. in Kirksville, Mo., Oct. 7, 1927, d. at birth, buried in Refuge Cem., Kirksville.

66. WALTER CLARENCE (Edgar⁴, Allen³, Margaret², John¹), son of Edgar W. and Myrtle G. (Allen) Huffman, was b. near Springdale, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1891. He m. Lona Frances Conover, dau. of Charles and Mattie (Cunningham) Conover, in Crawfordsville, Ind., Feb. 17, 1917. She was b. in Vermilion Co., Ill., May 17, 1893. Lona resides (1969) at 105 N. Blair St., Crawfordsville, Ind. Walter d. in Crawfordsville, Ind., May 2, 1958 and is buried there in the Masonic Cem. An inscribed gravestone marks his grave.

Issue:

- 90. i Erma Dee, b. Montgomery Co., Ind., Apr. 7, 1918.

91. ii Anna Jeannette, b. Montgomery Co., Ind.,
 July 27, 1919.
 iii Robert Allen, b. Montgomery Co., Ind.,
 May 26, 1922. Single. Resides in
 Indianapolis, Ind.

The compiler of this book is indebted to Lona Frances, Walter's widow, for most of the information it contains concerning the Huffman branches of the Wilkinson family. Her cooperation is very much appreciated. Lona lived for awhile in the home of her husband's aunt, Mary F. Sheerer, Glendale, Ohio, and took care of her during the last year of her life. In March, 1962, Lona wrote the compiler as follows:--

"When my husband lived we had a little farm and he did carpentering. When he passed away I sold out and bought house in town. I had to keep busy to keep from being so lonely & feel better working. I work in a family home six days per week from 8:30-1 and am kept pretty busy sewing the rest of the time since there are so few people who know how to sew any more. I have lots of alteration work also. My 92 yr. old mother lives with me.* She is able to go to church & read by the hours. You see some place along the line the Huffmans changed from Hoffman. I dont know why. I have a small spinning wheel that some of the grand-ma's brought from Virginia by horse back. I have some friends who are writing their family history & they visit the old burial places take picture of the tombstones. Brick Chapel and Bainbridge are not far from here & if you ever went over to Springdale O. I would like to go with you. I lived there five years. I dont drive very far out of town now but at the time we lived there I drove from here to Ohio several times. I am glad to loan the papers for you to make copy and thank you for the Wilkerson (sic) family tree copy. I keep looking for other papers will send any information I can find. I have no old bibles only Allen Huffman's. It has just their childrens names in it. I have three children the youngest is 40 and have 4 grandchildren Would like to know more about your wife & family. My mother's family all lived around Danville Illinois. My father's name was Conover I have an uncle yet, dads bro in Danville 88 yrs old and very poorly. The family of Conovers are about to become nill. Our branch of the Huffmans not much better Walters sister never married & his brother has no children."

*Lona's mother d. Jan. 14, 1969 at the age of 98 yrs., 11 mos., and 11 days.

CHAPTER VI

Generation 6

67. MARGARET (Harvey⁵, Mary⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Harvey Waln and Ina (Edwards) Black, was b. in Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 4, 1908. She m. Howard Edward Anderson, son of Charles Edward and Grace (Macatee) Anderson, in Indianapolis, Ind., June 16, 1930. He was b. in Indianapolis, Ind., July 10, 1909. Margaret and Howard reside at 4213 Saratoga Dr., Bloomington, Ind. He is a Doctor of Divinity and is pastor of a church in Bloomington.

Issue:

92. i Richard Kent, b. in Indianapolis, Ind., May 11, 1936.

93. ii Judith, b. in Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27, 1939.

68. JOHN HARVEY (Harvey⁵, Mary⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹), son of Harvey Waln and Ina (Edwards) Black, was b. in Indianapolis, Ind., June 28, 1914. He m. Beverly Magdalina Melvin, dau. of James Edgar and Marguerite Johanna (Hunlow) Hauenloser Melvin, in Indianapolis, Ind., July 3, 1935. She was b. in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 21, 1911. John and Beverly reside at 5066 W. 15th, Speedway, Ind.

Issue:

94. i Jerry Lynn, b. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28, 1941.

69. FORREST ROSCOE (James⁵, Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), son of James Sherman and Clara Kate (Wagner) Wilkinson, was b. in Turon, Kans., July 7, 1898. He m. Martha Magdalena Ebel, dau. of Christ and Katherine (Uhrich) Ebel, in Del Norte, Colo., Feb. 28, 1923. She was b. in Russell, Kans., Jan. 4, 1899. Forrest and Martha reside on R. R. 2, Monte Vista, Colo.

Issue:

95. i Charles Ernest, b. July 20, 1925.

96. ii Robert James, b. Dec. 14, 1926.

97. iii Vernon Curtis, b. May 5, 1936.

98. iv Arlene Grace, b. May 11, 1938.

(All 4 children b. in Monte Vista, Colo.)

Forrest, his 3 sons and their 8 sons and 1 dau.; McKinley McCoy Wilkinson, son of Jehu Q. Wilkinson (No. 18); and Eldon Wilbur Wilkinson, son of Elijah Emery Wilkinson (No. 30), are the only surviving descendants of Elijah Cooper Wilkinson (1792-1875) carrying the Wilkinson surname.

70. GLADYS VELMA (James⁵, Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), dau.

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of James Sherman and Clara Kate (Wagner) Wilkinson, was b. in Turon, Kans., Sept. 25, 1904. She m. Joseph Samuel Lentz, son of Phillip and Margaret (Reinich) Lentz, in Del Norte, Colo., Nov. 9, 1935. He was b. in Mesita, Colo., May 25, 1913. Gladys and Joseph reside on R.R. 1, Monte Vista, Colo.

Gladys, her brother Forrest, and their cousin Richard Eugene Miller, each, are the proud possessors of a Jaquard type coverlet woven by their great grandmother, Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Wilkinson, on a hand loom in 1864.

Issue:

i Margery Ann, b. in Del Norte, Colo.,
Mar. 8, 1942. Single.

71. RICHARD EUGENE (Ida⁵, Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), son of Lester Bruce and Ida Dema (Wilkinson) Miller, was b. in Chanute, Kans., Sept. 10, 1917. He m. Carol Eleanor Johnson, dau. of Spurgeon Urban and Pearl Charlotte (Falck) Johnson, in Portland, Ore., Sept. 11, 1942. She was b. in Portland, Ore., July 26, 1919. Richard and Carol reside at 4837 Proctor Ave., Castro Valley, Colo. Richard is a civil service employee.

Issue:

- i Ritchie K., b. in Portland, Ore., Aug. 26, 1943.
- ii Jonathan C., b. in Oakland, Calif., May 1, 1947.
- iii Karen E., b. in Oakland, Calif., Mar. 6, 1954.

All 3 children unmarried in 1969.

72. HERBERT GEORGE (Julia⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Herbert Elmer and Julia Marietta (Orr) Taylor, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21, 1910. He m. Leona Anita Angarola, dau. of Joseph and Frances C. (LaRocca) Angarola, in Chicago, May 28, 1934. They reside (1970) at 219 Imperial St., Park Ridge, Ill. Leona was b. in Chicago, Nov. 18, 1912.

Issue:

- 99. i Leigh Herbert, b. in Chicago, Oct. 23, 1941.
- 100. ii Janet Lee, b. in Chicago, Dec. 26, 1945.

73. DOROTHY GERTRUDE (Julia⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Herbert Elmer and Julia Marietta (Orr) Taylor, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Apr. 15, 1912. She m. James Llewellyn Williams in Chicago, Ill., May 27, 1933. He was b. in Peoria, Ill. (?), June 30, 1907. They reside (1970) at 3418 Newbury Dr., New Port Richie, Fla.

Issue:

- 101. i Kenneth George, b. in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 28, 1937.

102. ii Herbert Elmer, b. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 9, 1938.

103. iii James Llewellyn, b. in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4, 1944.

74. FRED ELIJAH (Elijah⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Elijah Harrison and Gertrude May (Lehman) Orr, was b. in Chicago, Ill., June 6, 1907. He m. Irene Marian Schumacher, Dec. 17, 1933.

Issue:

104. i Barbara Ethel, b. Aug. 25, 1936.

105. ii Robert Richard, b. Jan. 25, 1940.

75. HOWARD ORR (Linnie⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of James and Linnie Aurora (Orr) Whammond, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14, 1909. He spells his name with one "m". He m. Ruth Rebecca Cripe, dau. of Clarence Silus and Florence B. (Mathews) Cripe, in Buchanan, Mich., June 14, 1941. She was b. in Buchanan, Mich., Mar. 8, 1916. They reside (1970) at 11162 Endry Ave., Garden Grove, Calif. Howard was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Univ. of Texas, received a B.S. degree from Lewis Institute, and a M.B.A. degree from the Univ. of Chicago. Ruth was a member of Kappa Phi Delta sorority, Ill. Institute of Technology and received a B.S.A.S. degree there. She is a registered dietician with the American Dietetic Association.

Issue:

i Mary Lynn, b. in Oak Park, Ill., Aug. 27, 1942.

ii Jeffry Orr, b. in Oak Park, Ill., Dec. 13, 1946. He m. Bonny Lee Pirkin, in Santa Rosa, Calif., Mar. 14, 1970.

iii Susan Marie, b. in Oak Park, Ill., Dec. 1, 1951.

76. WILBUR ORR (Linnie⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of James and Linnie Aurora (Orr) Whammond, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26, 1912. He m. Helen Jane Byrnes, dau. of William Ellsworth and Naomi Alvada (Brown)Byrnes, in the 2nd Presbyterian Church, Oak Park, Ill., Dec. 13, 1941. She was b. in Chicago, Ill., Mar. 17, 1920. Wilbur spells his name with one "m". He attended Hanover College, Hanover, Ind. and John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Ill. He has membership in the Chicago Bar Assn., the Illinois State Bar Assn., the V.F.W., the American Legion and the Presbyterian Church. Helen received a B.A. degree from Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill.; was a room-mate of June Whamond, George's sister. Wilbur and Helen reside (1970) at 2205 Woodland Ave., Park Ridge, Ill.

Issue:

106. i Shari Leigh, b. in New York, N. Y., May 3, 1943.

ii Wilbur Orr, b. in Chicago, Ill., Apr. 22, 1947. He received a B.A. degree from Southern Ill. Univ.

77. JUNE ELIZABETH (Linnie⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of James and Linnie Aurora (Orr) Whammond, was b. in Robert Burns Hospital, Chicago, Ill., June 4, 1919. She m. Robert Waugh Henderson, son of Robert Houston and Eunice (Swain) Henderson, in 2nd Presbyterian Church, Oak Park, Ill., Dec. 15, 1945. He was b. in Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Ill., May 20, 1920. They reside (1970) at 6734 East 51st Place, Tulsa, Okla.

June is a graduate of Lake Forest College where she received a B.A. degree in 1941. She is presently (1970) program director for the Tulsa Lakes Area Tuberculosis Health Assn. Robert, in 1941, received a B.A. degree from Princeton Univ., in 1949 a B.D. degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, and in 1959 a Ph.D. degree from Harvard Univ. Robert was ordained by the Presbytery of Chicago in June 1949, served as pastor of the First Congregational Church, East Derry, N. H. from 1950 to 1957, and presently (1970) is Professor of Religion at the Univ. of Tulsa, Tulsa, Okl.

Issue:

- i Robert James, b. in Evanston, Ill., July 26, 1949. He is presently attending Ohio Wesleyan Univ.
- ii Judith Lynn, b. in Burlington, Vt., Dec. 7, 1953. She is presently attending Memorial High School, Tulsa, Okl.

78. GERTRUDE (William⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of William Randolph and Anna (Bender) Orr, was b. in Nov. 1917. She m. Earl Blum, ca 1941.

Issue:

- i Raymond.
- ii Daniel.
- iii Bonnie.

79. PATRICIA MAY (Xellis⁵, Jehu⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Xellis Henry and Lucille (Keezer) Carson Wilkinson, was b. in Wewoka, Okl., Mar. 25, 1928. She m. Paul E. Spencer, in Wichita, Kans., Dec. 28, 1957. He was b. in Junction City, Kans., June 20, 1930.

Issue:

- i Randall Kent, b. in Topeka, Kans., July 11, 1963.

80. LUCILLE CAROLYN (Xellis⁵, Jehu⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹),

dau. of Xellis Henry and Lucille (Keezer) Carson Wilkinson, was b. in Enid, Okl., Oct. 1, 1931. She m. Paul Bruce Henrion. He was b. in Wichita, Kans., Dec. 16, 1930.

Issue:

- i Paul Bruce, b. in Wichita, Kans., Dec. 23, 1952.
- ii Mark Carol, b. in Wichita, Kans., Sept. 18, 1956.

81. GWENDOLYN MAE (Nannie⁵, Mary⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of George Otis and Nannie Amazetta (Fowler) Miles, was b. in Denver, Colo., May 5, 1913. She m. Milton Andy Lagergren, son of Andy Lagergren, in Denver, Colo., Apr. 28, 1933. He was b. in Douglas, Alaska, Apr. 30, 1910. They reside (1970) at 3588 So. 2400 E., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gwendolyn attended Denver Univ., is active in church work and in the Eastern Star. Milton graduated with highest honors at the Colorado School of Mines, was in W. W. II and at the end of the war was Captain, served in the Aleutian Islands. He was an engineer with the A.S. & R. Mining Co. and at present (1970) is associated with the Kennicott Copper Co. of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Issue:

- 107. i Nancy Kristine, b. in Juneau, Alaska, June 4, 1937.
- 108. ii Charles Allen, b. in Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 8, 1938.
- iii Donald Miles, b. in Fairbanks, Alaska, Jan. 3, 1941. He m. Janet Marie Powell, dau. of John David and Emma Marie (Hurt) Powell, in LaYunta, Colo., Nov. 12, 1947. They reside (1970) at 1601 Cimarron, LaYunta, Colo. No issue. Donald is a graduate of Colorado State Univ. and is presently working for the insurance department of the First Federal Savings and Loan at LaYunta, Colo. He was with the National Guard for 6 years. He and Janet are active in church youth work. She is a graduate of Otero Junior College, LaYunta, Colo. and is presently service representative for the Mountain States Telephone Co. She was b. in LaYunta, Nov. 12, 1947.
- iv Earl Gilbert, b. in Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 30, 1945, a triplet. He is an electrical engineer graduate of Utah Univ. and is presently working for the Sylvania Corp. in West Germany. Not married.
- v Paul Albert, b. in Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 30, 1945, a triplet. He d. two days after birth and is buried in Perth Amboy.
- vi George Edward, b. in Perth Amboy, N. J., Oct. 30, 1945, a triplet. He is a graduate of Utah

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- Univ. in business administration and I.B.M. computer. Not Married.
- vii Frances Lorraine, b. in Newark, N. J., May 17, 1947. She m. Robert Dale Riemenschneider, son of Harry Todd and Sarah (Portter) Riemenschneider, in Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 9, 1966. He was b. in Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 13, 1946. No issue. They reside (1970) at 840 E. Fairmont Circle, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- viii Kenneth Walter, b. in Newark, N. J., Dec. 13, 1951. Not married.

82. FRANCES CHARLOTTE (Nannie⁵, Mary⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of George Otis and Nannie Amazetta (Fowler) Miles, was b. in Denver, Colo., Nov. 21, 1918. She m. Paul Heyden Newlon, son of Dr. Malcom and Fern Newlon, in Springfield, Mo., Sept. 3, 1940. He was b. in Lincoln, Kans., May 16, 1914. Frances and Paul were divorced in Aug. 1955.

Frances attended Colorado Woman's College, Denver, Colo. and Fairmount College, Wichita, Kans. She is an executive secretary for an oil co., is active in the Episcopalian church and the Eastern Star and is Regent of the Blue Spruce Colo. Chapter of the D.A.R. She resides (1970) at 6643 Welch St., Arvada, Colo.

Issue:

109. i Lynda Vay, b. in Wichita, Kans., Apr. 27, 1947.
ii John Malcom, b. in Wichita, Kans., Sept. 26, 1951. He is presently attending college, is not married.

83. CAROLINE CATHERINE (Getha⁵, Mary⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of August Frederick and Getha Mae (Fowler) Degener, was b. in Lodi, Calif., Jan. 8, 1920. She m. Chester Earl Wildman, son of Walter Willis and Ollie Viola (Firchow) Wildman, in Berkeley, Calif., June 27, 1946. He was b. in New London, Ohio, July 18, 1913. They reside (1970) at 1658 Noreen Dr., San Jose, Calif.

Issue:

- i Charles Richard, b. in Berkeley, Calif., Nov. 20, 1948. He was m. Sept. 26, 1970.

84. E. WAYNE (Glen⁵, Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Glen R. and Mabel (Ward) Morris, was b. in Green City, Mo., Aug. 21, 1910. He m. Reba Waller in Palmyra, Mo., Sept. 1, 1937. He d. in Quincy, Ill., Sept. 3, 1962 and is buried there. The following obituary appeared in the Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1962 issue of the Quincy (Ill.) Herald Whig newspaper:--

E. Wayne Morris
City Lines Driver
Dies at Age of 52

"E. Wayne Morris, 52, of 1223 North Fourth, for many years a driver for Quincy City Lines, died unexpectedly Monday night at 11:40 in Blessing hospital, where he had been a patient a half hour. He suffered a heart attack last November and never fully recovered.

"Mr. Morris was born in Green City, Mo., Aug. 21, 1910, a son of Glen and Mabel Ward Morris. He had lived in Quincy the last 30 years. He attended Central Baptist Church and was a member of the loyal order of Moose and the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railroad and Motor Coach Employees of America. He was married in Palmyra, Mo., Sept. 1, 1937, to Reba Waller.

"Surviving are the widow; a daughter, Miss Karen Morris of Quincy, his mother, Mrs. Walter (Mabel) Wachter of Quincy; a brother Jerome Morris of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two half-brothers, Kenneth Morris of Canton, Mo., and Ronald Morris of California, and a half-sister, Miss Patsy Morris of Brookfield, Mo."

A photo of Wayne accompanied the obituary.

Issue:

i Karen Sue. She is married. No further information.

85. JEROME ROBERT (Glenn⁵, Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Glen R. and Mabel (Ward) Morris, was b. in Owasco, Mo., July 24, 1912. He m. Ruby Smith. He d. Sept. 2, 1962, probably in Ariz.

Issue:

i William.

86. KENNETH RAY (Glenn⁵, Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Glen R. and Beulah (Downen) Morris, was b. Jan. 31, 1925. He m. Joann Yardley, Apr. 6, 1947. She was b. Jan. 24, 1926. Kenneth served in the army, W. W. II. In 1962 he was living in Canton, Mo.

Issue:

110. i Marsha Rae, b. Apr. 17, 1949.
ii Nancy Kaye, b. Mar. 13, 1954.
iii Jon Scott, b. Mar. 30, 1965.

87. RONALD GENE (Glenn⁵, Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Glen R. and Beulah (Downen) Morris, was b. June 15, 1931. He m. Lillian Kathleen _____, Dec. 3, 1955. She was b. May 27, 1930. Ronald served in the army, W. W. II. In 1962 he was living in Calif.

Issue:

i Mark William, b. Oct. 17, 1960.

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88. PATRICIA JOYCE (Glenn⁵, Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Glen R. and Beulah (Downen) Morris, was b. May 20, 1935. She m. (1) Laverne McMillan and m. (2) Jesse George Franks, Oct. 12, 1963. Patricia and Laverne divorced.

Issue (1st Marriage):

i Tanya, b. Sept. 26, 1957.

Issue (2nd Marriage):

i David Edwin, b. July 29, 1966.
ii Dawn Deann, b. Feb. 21, 1968.

89. BARBARA ANN (John⁵, Mattie⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of John Morris and Margaret Christell (Jacobs) Conner, was b. in Kirksville, Mo., May 26, 1926. She m. James V. Turner, son of Virgil Paul and Nancy Denatrice (Bradley) Turner, in Kirksville, Mo., July 17, 1946. He was b. in Macon Co., Mo., Jan. 9, 1923. They reside (1970) at 1213 N. Green, Kirksville, Mo.

Issue:

i Sandra Sue, b. in Kirksville, Mo., Sept. 15, 1947. Not married.
ii Allen James, b. in Kirksville, Mo., Apr. 19, 1951. Not married.

90. ERMA DEE (Walter⁵, Edgar⁴, Allen³, Margaret², John¹), dau. of Walter Clarence and Lona Frances (Conover) Huffman, was b. in Montgomery Co., Ind., Apr. 7, 1918. She m. Morton Wilson Wingate. He was b. in Wingate, Ind., Sept. 25, 1917.

Issue:

i Barton Jay, b. in Springdale, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1944. He m. Edith Nugent, dau. of Harold E. and Dorothy (Sayer) Nugent, in Lafayette, Ind. She was b. in Lafayette, Aug. 20, 1948. Barton and Edith reside in Lafayette and have no children (1969).
ii Robert Paul, b. in Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 20, 1947. He m. Kathryn Jean Strawser, dau. of Robert E. and Dorothy (Dennis) Strawser, in Covington, Ind., Nov. 17, 1968. She was b. in Danville, Ill., Sept. 29, 1949. Robert is in the U.S. Air Corps and in 1969 was serving as an A/1C at Biloxi, Miss. No children.
iii Sue, b. in Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 5, 1949. She is single and is a student at Purdue Univ.

91. ANNA JEANETTE (Walter⁵, Edgar⁴, Allen³, Margaret², John¹), dau. of Walter Clarence and Lona Frances (Conover) Huffman, was b. in Montgomery Co., Ind., July 27, 1919. She m. (1) Richard Bannon in Crawfordsville, Ind., and m. (2) Fred Ezra, in Crawfordsville,

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Ind., Apr. 16, 1949. Fred was b. in Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16, 1918. Richard Bannon served in the U.S. Army, W.W. II, and was a prisoner of the Germans for 14 months. He d. from a fall from a train, Dec. 18, 1947, and is buried in the Masonic Cem., Crawfordsville, Ind. An inscribed gravestone marks his grave. Anna and Fred reside in Crawfordsville, Ind. No children of the second marriage.

Issue (1st Husband):

111. i Patricia Anne, b. in Crawfordsville, Ind.,
Mar. 3, 1945.

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92. RICHARD KENT (Margaret⁶, Harvey⁵, Mary⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹), son of Howard Edward and Margaret (Black) Anderson, was b. in Indianapolis, Ind., May 11, 1936. He m. Martha Kay Holt, dau. of Allison and Deloris (Baker) Holt, in Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 24, 1958. She was b. in Kokomo, Ind., May 11, 1938. Richard and Martha reside at 2092 Middlesex Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

Issue:

- i Krista Kay, b. Feb. 5, 1961.
- ii Kevin Kent, b. Aug. 2, 1964.
- iii Kris Lyn, b. June 19, 1968.
(All 3 children b. in Columbus, Ohio)

93. JUDITH (Margaret⁶, Harvey⁵, Mary⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Howard Edward and Margaret (Black) Anderson, was b. in Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27, 1939. She m. Joseph Fortunati Angeln, son of Fortunati Surgento and Anna (Swierski) Angeln, in Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10, 1965. Judith and Joseph reside at 5904 Dartmouth Dr., Kokomo, Ind.

Issue:

- i Lori Anne Meshberger, b. in Bloomington, Ind., July 21, 1961. Believed to be an adopted child.
- ii Joseph Patrick, b. Apr. 29, 1969, an adopted child, adopted May 6, 1969.

94. JERRY LYNN (John⁶, Harvey⁵, Mary⁴, Martha³, Elijah², John¹), son of John Harvey and Beverly Magdalina (Melvin) Black, was b. in Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28, 1941. He m. Virginia Ruth Mitchell, dau. of James Sutherlin and Ruth (Kennedy) Mitchell, in Indianapolis, Ind., June 13, 1964. She was b. in Pa., July 3, 19___. Jerry and Virginia reside in Indianapolis, Ind.

Issue:

- i Glen Ryan, b. in Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 27, 1965.
- ii Gregory Mitchell, b. in Indianapolis, Ind., May 28, 1967.

95. CHARLES ERNEST (Forrest⁶, James⁵, Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), son of Forrest Roscoe and Martha Magdalena (Ebel) Wilkinson, was b. in Monte Vista, Colo., July 20, 1925. He m. Margaret Mary McCumber, dau. of Albert Winfield and Delores (McCorry) McCumber, in Florence, Colo., Sept. 16, 1951. She was b. in Florence, Colo., Mar. 26, 1928. Charles and Margaret reside in Monte Vista, Colo.

After working on his father's farm for a time, Ernest (goes by his second name) served awhile in the U.S. Army. He then worked for 5 years for the Government, trapping on the high range

for wild animals that kill sheep and calves. In the winter months he did taxidermy work. He is owner of "Ernest's Taxidermy & Gift Shop", located 3 miles west of Monte Vista. For the past 3 years, in January, he has sponsored a Snowmobile Safari at Lake City, Colo. He has a small zoo and has loaned animals to the late Walt Disney for TV movies including the movie "Wild Kingdom". He has produced a wild life film "Cougar Country" which he shows and narrates in different cities, with a tame lion by his side on the stage.

Issue:

- i Jimmy Lee, b. in Monte Vista, Colo., Aug. 14, 1952.
- ii Jerold Lynn, b. in Monte Vista, Colo., Sept. 13, 1957.
- iii Larry James, b. in Del Norte, Colo., Apr. 17, 1959.
- iv Jeffery Lane, b. in Del Norte, Colo., Sept. 29, 1960.

96. ROBERT JAMES (Forrest⁶, James⁵, Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), son of Forrest Roscoe and Martha Magdalena (Ebel) Wilkins, was b. in Monte Vista, Colo., Dec. 14, 1926. He m. Marjorie Lucille Muhovich, dau. of Anthony D. and Bessie (Bodycomb) Muhovich, in Center, Colo., July 18, 1948. She was b. in Walsenburg, Colo., Dec. 8, 1929. Robert and Marjorie reside on Rt. 2, Monte Vista, Colo.

After working on his father's farm for a time, Robert served in the U.S. Air Force from 1944 to 1966 in Japan. He is now farming about 900 acres, raising cattle, sheep, hay, grains, and potatoes. He has a small warehouse where he grades and packs potatoes for market under the brand name "Little Bob's Potatoes". He likes to ski and is a ski patrol first aid man.

Issue:

- i Donald Anthony, b. in Monte Vista, Colo., July 18, 1950.
- ii Gary Lynn, b. in Monte Vista, Colo., Sept. 28, 1954.

97. VERNON CURTIS (Forrest⁶, James⁵, Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), son of Forrest Roscoe and Martha Magdalena (Ebel) Wilkins, was b. in Monte Vista, Colo., May 5, 1936. He m. Rosemary Louise Shofner, dau. of Dale Dempsey and Bertha Bell (Huddleston) Shofner, in Monte Vista, Colo., Dec. 7, 1957. She was b. in Pearson, Ark., Nov. 10, 1939. Vernon and Rosemary reside on Rt. 1, Alamosa, Calif. Vernon works for an automobile sales and repair shop in Alamosa.

Issue:

- i Curtis Dale, b. in Monte Vista, Colo., Mar. 17, 1960.

ii Audrey Arlene, b. in Alamosa, Calif., Oct. 12, 1962.

iii Albert Riley, b. in Alamosa, Calif., May 30, 1964.

98. ARLENE GRACE (Forrest⁶, James⁵, Elijah⁴, John³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Forrest Roscoe and Martha Magdalena (Ebel) Wilkinson, was b. in Monte Vista, Colo., May 11, 1938. She m. Lyle Edward Penington, son of Neal D. and Albertina Wilhelmena (Kroschel) Penington, in Pueblo, Colo., Apr. 11, 1959. He was b. in Del Norte, Colo., Jan. 21, 1927. Arlene and Lyle reside in Monte Vista, Colo. (P.O. Box 245).

Arlene is valley clerk for the Rio Grande Soil Conservation District. Lyle works for a vegetable inspection service.

Issue:

i Deborah Kay, b. in Del Norte, Colo., Mar. 1, 1961.

ii Tamara Sue, b. in Del Norte, Colo., May 25, 1963.

99. LEIGH HERBERT (Herbert⁶, Julia⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Herbert George and Leona Anita (Angarola) Taylor, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 23, 1941. He m. Linda Lois Lane in Claremore, Okl., Aug. 25, 1964. She was b. in Tulsa, Okl., July 14, 1947.

Issue:

i Jennifer Lane, b. in Washington, D. C., Oct. 16, 1966.

ii Jeremiah Gibson, b. in Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y., Apr. 19, 1969.

100. JANET LEE (Herbert⁶, Julia⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Herbert George and Leona Anita (Angarola) Taylor, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26, 1945. She m. Michael Owens Minnig in Tulsa, Okl., May 7, 1966. He was b. in Bartlesville, Okl., Oct. 16, 1942.

Issue:

i Michael Joseph, b. in Tulsa, Okl., Dec. 7, 1966.

ii Tracy Lee, b. in San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 28, 1969.

101. KENNETH GEORGE (Dorothy⁶, Julia⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of James Llewellyn and Dorothy Gertrude (Taylor) Williams, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 28, 1937. He m. Mary Alyce Elizabeth Nolan in Chicago, Ill., May 4, 1957. She was b. in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7, 1937.

Issue:

- i James Llewellyn, b. May 2, 1958.
- ii Sharon Marie, b. Feb. 17, 1963.

102. HERBERT ELMER (Dorothy⁶, Julia⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of James Llewellyn and Dorothy Gertrude (Taylor) Williams, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Oct. 9, 1938. He m. Doris Tilschner in Park Ridge, Ill., June 25, 1966. She was b. Mar. 17, 1946.

Issue:

- i Sandra Sue, b. Mar. 16, 1967.
- ii Debra Anne, b. May 12, 1969.

103. JAMES LLEWELLYN (Dorothy⁶, Julia⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of James Llewellyn and Dorothy Gertrude (Taylor) Williams, was b. in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4, 1944. He m. Nancy Rawlings in Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12, 1964. She was b. Sept. 22, 1943.

Issue:

- i James Llewellyn, b. June 30, 1967.
- ii John Theodore, b. Mar. 2, 1969.

104. BARBARA ETHEL (Fred⁶, Elijah⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Fred Elijah and Irene Marian (Schumacher) Orr, was b. Aug. 25, 1936. She m. Komo L. Tane in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 27, 1955.

Issue:

- i Kimberly L., b. in Jamestown, N. Y., June 4, 1957.
- ii Linda Michelle, b. in Jamestown, N. Y., May 21, 1960.

105. ROBERT RICHARD (Fred⁶, Elijah⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Fred Elijah and Irene Marian (Schumacher) Orr, was b. Jan. 25, 1940. He m. Carol Boyd, Mar. 6, 1966.

Issue:

- i Jennifer, b. in Skokie, Ill., June 11, 1968.
- ii Debra, b. in Skokie, Ill., Aug. 21, 1969.

106. SHARI LEIGH (Wilbur⁶, Linnie⁵, Elizabeth⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Wilbur Orr and Helen Jane (Byrnes) Whamond, was b. in New York, N. Y., May 3, 1943. She m. Jonathan Player Mills in the Northwestern Univ. Chapel, Evanston, Ill., Dec. 18, 1965. He was b. in Evanston, Ill., Jan. 29, 1939.

Issue:

- i Jason Garrett, b. in Evanston, Ill., Apr. 1, 1970.

107. NANCY KRISTINE (Gwendolyn⁶, Nannie⁵, Mary⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Milton Andy and Gwendolyn Mae (Miles) Lagergren, was b. in Juneau, Alaska, June 4, 1937. She m. Michael Howe in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Apr. 6, 1957. He was b. in Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 21, 1936. Nancy and Michael are graduates of Middlebury College, Vt. They reside (1970) at 338 Coleridge Dr., Waterloo, Canada.

Issue:

- i Gordon Michael, b. in Hamilton, Ont., Apr. 6, 1959.
- ii Kristine Elizabeth, b. in Toronto, Canada, Feb. 15, 1960.
- iii Gemini Ann, b. in Kitchner, Ont., Jan. 16, 1969.
- iv Milton Glover, b. Dec. 21, 1970, at Waterloo, Ont., Canada.

108. CHARLES ALLEN (Gwendolyn⁶, Nannie⁵, Mary⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), son of Milton Andy and Gwendolyn Mae (Miles) Lagergren, was b. in Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 8, 1938. He m. Karen Ann Ross, dau. of Edward Joseph and Regina (Konsbrach) Ross, in West Chicago, Ill., Aug. 8, 1964. She was b. in Adoora (?), Ill., June 19, 1943.

Charles is a graduate of Rutgers College where he majored in business management. He is presently (1970) business representative for the Case Machinery Co. in 6 countries in South America. Karen is a registered nurse. They reside Buckley, Miraflores, Lima, Peru.

Issue:

- i Ellen Marie, b. in Chicago, Ill., July 3, 1965.
- ii Michael Andrew, b. in Lima, Peru, Jan. 16, 1967.
- iii Jennifer Ann, b. in Lima, Peru, Feb. 26, 1970.

109. LYNDA VAY (Frances⁶, Nannie⁵, Mary⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Paul Heyden and Frances Charlotte (Miles) Newlon, was b. in Wichita, Kans., Apr. 27, 1947. She m. Charles L. White, son of Robert and Ann Marie White, in Brighton, Colo., Sept. 30, 1964. He was b. Nov. 15, 1946. They were divorced Feb. 14, 1968. Lynda resides (1970) at 1538 St. Charles St., Alameda, Calif.

Issue:

- i Lynda Ann, b. in Denver, Colo., Mar. 25, 1966.

110. MARSHA RAE (Kenneth⁶, Glenn⁵, Ida⁴, David³, Elijah², John¹), dau. of Kenneth Ray and Joann (Yardley) Morris, was b.

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Apr. 17, 1949. She m. Ronald Charles Lavengood, June 16, 1968.

Issue:

i Mickel Scott, b. June 11, 1970.

111. PATRICIA ANNE (Anna⁶, Walter⁵, Edgar⁴, Allen³, Margaret², John¹), dau. of Richard and Anna Jeannette (Huffman) Bannon, was b. in Crawfordsville, Ind., Mar. 3, 1945. She m. William Curts in Columbia, S. C., Dec. 5, 1962. He was b. in Frankfort, Ind., July 26, 1943. Patricia and William reside in Crawfordsville, Ind.

Issue:

i Scott, b. in Stuttgart, Germ., Jan. 6, 1964.
ii Kelly Anne, b. in Crawfordsville, Ind., Nov. 23, 1968.

Page 1. William Wilkinson.

William Wilkinson, brother of John Wilkinson, died in Savannah, Chatham Co., Ga., about 1807. Leaving no will, the County Court appointed administrators to handle his estate. They posted \$1,000 bond on Nov. 20, 1807. The records of the court do not reveal the names of his heirs.

Page 1. Leah Niswanger, wife of John Wilkinson.

In April 1913, McKinley McCoy Wilkinson, after having taken courses in shorthand and bookkeeping, visited his father, Jehu Q. Wilkinson (No. 18), in Bainbridge, Ind. His father, then 77 years of age, suggested that McCoy put his shorthand to work and make a record of his (Jehu's) family reminiscences. The following are Jehu's remembrances of the Niswanger family as put down by McCoy on that April day. McCoy told this compiler that, "To this day I have never seen anyone with such a marvelous memory for incidents and dates. He dictated for hours, with the aid of notes or references entirely unnecessary."

The Family Tree
of the
Niswangers
May 1, 1913

"Leah Neiswanger, our Great Grand Mother, was of German decent. Her family was among the first settlers of Wheeling West Virginia; where they shared and went through all the hardships of that time. One of her brothers was killed by the Indians, though they did not get his scalp. The story of his death, which we believe to be authentic, as told by his comrade is as follows: During those turbulent times it seems to have been the custom to send scouts over to the Ohio side of the river to investigate and report any signs of marauding bands of Indians, who often made raids on the border settlements. He and a man by the name of Hepner went over the river in a canoe one evening after night-fall, intending to wait on the other side till the moon, which rose about nine o'clock, was up so as to enable them to see their way. They drew their canoe up into the mouth of a small stream to await the time to start out into the interior. It seemed, from what happened later, that the Indians had been there ahead of them and seen them land, but had waited also for the moon to rise before making the attack. The scouts, having laid down in their canoe for a few moments rest, were surprised by a volley of shots fired into the canoe. Hepner stated that he jumped up and jumped ashore, and as he did so glanced back, and his partner had not moved so he supposed that he was dead from the volley fired by the Indians. His supposition was verified a quarter of a century later when their canoe

was found in a drift many miles down the river, and contained a skeleton and the remains of his rifle, on the butt of which was a silver plate bearing the name John Neiswanger, which removed all doubts of his identity, and was a silent and only witness of the tragedy of a quarter century before. His brother Peter, led no less a strenuous life redeeming the country from the red-skins; but was more fortunate for he lived to an old age and died a natural death, in the territory of what is now Missouri. Peter Neiswanger was captured by the Indians when he was a boy twelve years old, and they compelled him to paddle a canoe until the skin and flesh were torn from his hands and knees. After awhile he managed to make his escape and reached home after a long and dangerous trip. He took oath of vengeance against the Indians, and it is safe to say that he kept his word. At one time he crossed the Ohio River scouting for Indians. He saw no signs all that day but as he was returning toward evening near the river he noticed a freshly made Indian trail, for the weeds were rising up where the Indians had passed along. Then it was that he displayed that daring and reckless bravery, as well as self control which he had inherited from his ancestors and which had been his salvation in so many trying situations. The river being at a very low stage at that time, could be waded so he marched boldly along and passed near where he could see many Indians lying hid in the tall grass on either side of his path. He marched boldly along paying no attention whatever that he saw anything unusual. He waded into the water when he was about half way across he fired his gun to give warning to the settlers at the fort.

"This was a signal used at that time to signal danger. So the Indians who had hoped to surprise the settlers were frustrated by a single shot from Peter Neiswanger, whose bravery and self control saved the life of many men women and children. He made his escape miraculously, unhurt.

"Leah Neiswanger was also first cousin to Lewis Weitzsel, (Wetzel, comp.) the celebrated Indian fighter. These few illustrations of the frontier life led by our kindred show the hardihood of the Leah Neiswanger branch of the family."

Page 2. Moses Wilkinson.

As this book was about to be printed, it was learned that Moses was not a son of John--in fact, they were not even related. Moses was the son of Samuel and Jane (Sydney) Wilkinson. He has descendants in Kansas and Utah--including Mrs. Irene (Wilkinson) Muck, R. R. 3, Box 133, Augusta, Kans. and Mr. Herbert L. Wilkinson, 453 - 8th Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Page 13. Catherine (Wilkinson) McAlpin Magee.

Catherine's son, Patrick W. R. McAlpin m. Sarah Lewis, dau. of Judge Lemuel and Mary (Williams) Lewis, granddaughter of Benjamin and Celia Lewis, and granddaughter of Giles and Sallie Williams.

Page 16. Mary (Wilkinson) Tague.

Mary (Wilkinson) Tague d. between 1842 and 1844 as the 1850 census for Fountain Co., Ind. indicates that her husband, Daniel Tague, had remarried and had fathered three additional children--the earliest of the three having been b. ca 1844. His age is given as 36, his wife's as 30, and the ages of the five children (John, Mary Jane, Calvin D., Matilda, and Oliver) as 10, 8, 6, 5, and 1, respectively, and all seven persons b. in Ind.

Page 23. Cornelius and Mary (Wilkinson) Cook.

The 1850 census for Shelby Co., Ind. shows living in their household; Cornelius, age 69, b. in Va.; Mary, age 56, b. in Va.; Alphonse, age 22, b. in Ind.; and Rosanna, age 17, b. in Ind. Their son, Samuel, d. in Hanover Twp., Shelby Co., Ind., Aug. 22, 1900, at the age of 77.

Page 27. Owen and Mary (Wilkinson) Conerly.

Owen's father, Cullen Conerly, was the son of John and Kesiah Conerly. John's will, which was made on Oct. 17, 1751, was proven in Johnston Co., N. C. court. Named in the will were wife, Kesiah, sons William and Cullen, dau. Patience, brothers Richard Jones and Stephen Herring. He owned 300 acres of land in Duplin Co., N. C.

His son William m. Eliza Cameron. They had at least one child, Melissa (b. 1839), who m. Absolom Hardy in Washington Parish, La. Melissa and Absolom had three children--Mary, Pinckney, and Delilah Ann.

Page 43. Martha "Mattie" Louise (Waln) Wilkinson.

The following letter was written to Mattie by John Bresnahan, a friend of the Wilkinson family. He may have been a relative but the relationship has not been established. He is the same man who wrote the biographical sketch of Elijah H. Wilkinson which appeared in a Green-castle, Ind. newspaper. See page 52.

424 M St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.
Oct. 21, 1912

"My Dear Mattie:

Your long and interesting letter of the 16th Inst., was received in due time, and I assure you I was glad to hear that Maggie's health was much better, for I was alarmed about her since I received a letter from uncle Jehu about two months ago, in which he stated that her health was in a precarious condition. I received another letter from Jehu about four weeks ago in which he made a laudatory eulogy on the 'greatest living American,'

and concluded his eight paged letter by saying, 'the folks are all well,' which was very indefinite as to Maggie's condition.

"I answered Jehu's letter with an eighteen page letter, in which I said that I thought he did not intend to say that Roosevelt is the 'greatest living American,' but intended to say that he was the 'greatest living Ex President,' because he is the only one. I wish your father could see and read that letter, there are some things in it that I know would make him laugh.

"I am glad to know that you, Maggie and the children have moved to town so as to the children the benefit of the good schools there and that you are all happy and contented. But it must be very lonely for your father and Aunt Beckie on the farm. I understand Ed. has not been engaged at anything this past season.

"I am indeed to learn that Aunt Lydia Waln is still unable to walk. It must be very trying on her not to be able to get around, for she was such an active and energetic woman. I hope Sam, My dear old comrade and chum keeps well, and that he is as loyal to the Republican nominee for the Presidency as he was to the flag of his country during the war, and the 'grand old party' since the war; that he will not by his vote for our erratic Ex.President, aid in defeating President Taft and wrecking the Republican party, the best party ever instituted, and thereby put a democratic president in the White House to bring back the distressful conditions the people experienced under the policy of free trade during the last democratic administration, when farmers sold corn at 25 cents per bushel; wheat at 55 or 60 cents per bushel; beef and hogs \$4. per 100 on the hoof. Let the honest horny fisted farmers compare those prices with the prices he is now receiving under a protective tariff and a republican administration and ponder well before he casts his vote for Wilson or Roosevelt. A vote cast for Roosevelt is equal to a half a vote for Wilson, and a loss of a whole for Taft.

"I have the same feeling now for Ex.Senator Beveridge that I have had for Roosevelt since under the pretence of the petition of the seven Governors he flung his hat in the 'Ring,' I regard both of them as ingrates to the Republican party. If you can get a copy of the Greencastle Weekly Banner please mail it to me at your earliest convenience. I forgot to say in the proper place that all but two of the governors who petitioned Roosevelt to be a candidate for a third term have deserted him.

"The condition of my health is about the same as when I last wrote you. I am still confined to an invalid chair and require the regular aid of another person. I suffer constantly with pains in all of my joints, including my

back and the joints of my hand and fingers, the latter frequently are so stiff and sore that I am unable to write. I have to take opiates at bedtime to induce sleep, but I manage to keep cheerful and hopeful.

"My wife joins me in extending our best wishes for yourself, Maggie and the dear little girls; your father and Aunt Beckie, and your uncle Sam. And his wife; also Mr. and Mrs. Black.

"Write soon. Your devoted uncle.

John Bresnahan."

The persons mentioned in the above letter are identified as follows:--

1. Maggie. Mattie's sister, Marguerite B. Case.
2. Jehu. Mattie's father-in-law, Jehu Q. Wilkinson.
3. Aunt Beckie. Mattie's stepmother, Rebecca J. (Davis) Waln.
4. Ed. Edwin Jehu Wilkinson, whom Mattie m. in 1926.
5. Uncle Samuel Waln. Unidentified.
6. Aunt Lydia Waln. Probably Samuel's wife.
7. Mr. and Mrs. Black. Mattie's uncle and aunt, John S. and Mary J. (Waln) Black.

Wilkinson Family Bible.

William Amel Sausaman, compiler of this book, is the proud possessor of the Wilkinson family Bible, originally owned by Elijah Cooper Wilkinson (1792-1875). The Bible, printed by the American Bible Society in 1848, has inscribed on the title page, "Presented to Judge Wilkinson by his friend Thos. H. Lerry, 1848". The Bible was subsequently owned by (1) Elijah's son Jehu (1836-1913); by (2) Jehu's son Carl Hixson Wilkinson (1870-1961); by (3) Elijah's great granddaughter, Frances Josephine (Waln) Hoover (1900-1966); and lastly by (4) this compiler. The Bible contains birth and death records of the 7 full brothers and sisters of Elijah, his 9 children, and 6 children of Jehu.

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